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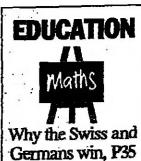


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Attempt to cool leadership fever

# Major opens up debate on EU policy

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN MAJOR pleased the Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday by bowing to pressure for a White Paper laying out the Government's position on Europe in the run-up to nego-tiations on the future of the European Union.

The move, which took ministers and MPs by surprise, came amid a ministerial drive to calm a renewed bout of leadership fever sparked by suggestions that previously loyal backbenchers have been

plotting against Mr Major. The White Paper was announced after Mr Major took his sharpest sideswipe yet at Baroness Thatcher over her attack last week on One Nation Conservativism. Pointing to his record in cutting inflaion, mortgage rates and unuployment, he declared: That is what she, when Prime Minister, sought to achieve. It is what we have delivered."

Mr Major was in buoyant mood and backbenchers said that the White Paper move and a 0.25 percentage point cut in interest rates were deeply political. "He is thinking electorally all the time, ' one said. Last night the 18-strong executive of the 1922 committee realismed its

strong support for Mr Major. The decision on the White Paper was taken at short notice by the Cabinet ye day. As recently as Tuesday senior ministers had indicated that the decision was not close, and on Wednesday Tory MPs voted against a Labour call in

a Commons committee. Officials confirmed that Mr Major had decided to bring

### Deck is cleared for early election

The Conservatives are making contingency plans for a general election this autumn. The party has booked accommodation in October for press conferences and other election events at the television and media centre at Millbank, close to the Houses of Parliament, and other Westminster

been made for April, 1997, which remains the most favoured date for an election.

the matter to Cabinet after talking to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and that he had secured "unanimous" agreement. Even so, the decision meant that Mr Major would have had to overcome reservations of pro-European ministers.

The sceptics had been pushing for a White Paper so that the Government could be held to account during the intergovernmental conference in March. The objective, officials said, was to produce a realistic document setting out aims without giving away the bot-

tom line negotiating position. Although ministers insi that the document will not tie their hands it is a victory for the sceptics and could ease Mr Major's position. Bill Walker, Euro-sceptic, said: "I'm delighted we'll be given an opportunity to debate in order that the Government can be

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the position." Hugh Dykes, a Euro-enthusiast, said that the Government was right to rule out a detailed negotiating

But Mr Major could be storing up trouble. Euro-scep-tic MP Bill Cash said that he would be looking for firm pledges on a single currency, no more majority voting and curbing the powers of the European Court — almost certainly too much for Mr Major to promise.

The Chancellor Kenneth Clarke headed a line of ministers who condemned any sugtions of a fresh challenge to Mr Major. "I would deplore any leadership challenge," he told BBC Radio.

Sir Norman Fowler, the former Conservative chairman, blamed the speculation on a "maverick minority" The vast majority of the parliamentary party is entire-ly behind John Major and want to see him lead the party into the next election," he said. But a right-wing Conservative said: "I would not be at all surprised if some on the left of the party were not jockeying for position. There's a lot of discontent there, as shown by Alistair Burt's letter to The Times criticising Lady Thatch-

In the Commons Mr Maio laughed off the reports, saying it was "silly speculation ... it has been nonsense in the past and it is nonsense now."

er's speech."

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Ellen Curran and Jonathan, who was the first child to undergo the revolutionary technique at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow

# Breakthrough in meningitis treatment

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS in Glasgow believe they have devised a revolutionary technique that could save the lives of hundreds of children facing death from meningitis. Four children who received the treatment in the past year have survived. Doctors said yesterday that had they not had the treatment, three would have

meningococca? septicaemia, a virulent form of meningitis that results in blood poisoning, has been devised by doctors at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. The treatment involves

"washing" the patient's blood

through a filter to clear it of

The technique for treating

toxins as soon as the illness takes hold. The filtration. known as haemo-diafiltration, is similar to that used in kidney dialysis but is a simpler procedure that could be carried out by most hospitals. The first child to be treated

was three-year-old Jonathan Curran from Coatbridge, who contracted meningococcal septicaemia in March. His mother. Ellen, 32, said the illness sed rapidly: "Withir an hour my son was dying before my eyes."

Within four hours of reaching the intensive care ward in Glasgow, treatment began. Jonathan was in intensive care for 34 weeks and in hospital for two months. His parents

were told that he had six hours to live. As a result of the blood poisoning, his left leg was amoutated below the knee. Meningitis kills 500 people

in Britain every year, many of them children. Deaths from meningococcal septicaemia are not given separately. The treatment was the brainchild of Dr Crispin Best, consultant anaesthetist and naediatric intensive care specialist, and his team. He was

not convinced the treatment

would work, but knew it

would do no harm. The patients were so close to death he had nothing to lose. "Instead of waiting for renal failure before starting filtration we decided to try starting

the treatment immediately. It is a fairly simple procedure by intensive care standards. All you need is a decent tabe, a good-size vein, a pump and a filter." He emphasised that it was not a cure, adding that that four patients represented too small a sample to state

could save lives. Every naediatric intensive care unit and almost every adult intensive care unit will have the necessary equipment. The treatment is simpler than that tried at Guy's hospital, London, which involves placing the patient on a heart/lung

machine. These are available

categorically that the treat-ment worked, but he said the

early impression was that it

at fewer than half a dozen

☐ Borko and Vera Krunic, the parents of a 17-year-old student who died from meningococcal septicaemia, last night said they would sue Ealing Hospital, west London, for allegedly failing to recognise

Alison died on Tuesday morning after a doctor alleg-edly said she was suffering from a bad cold and gave her a

painkilling injection.

I A schoolboy, 15, from
Stevenage, Hertfordshire has died from meningicool septicaemia. He was taken ill on Monday evening and died on Wednesday afternoon. He has not yet been identified.

### Clarke rate cut boosts share prices

By Janet Bush

KENNETH CLARKE yesterday cut interest rates for the second month running, a move which delighted the financial markets but is unlikely to give another boost to

The Chancellor cut base lending rates from 6.5 per cent to 6.25 per cent, but leading building societies said that they would leave their mort-

gage rates unchanged.
The unexpected cut, which followed Wednesday's monthly meeting between Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, sent the FTSE index to a record closing high of 3748.7, up 44.5 points on the

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# **HGV** drivers fear for jobs over Brussels eye-test rule

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent



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face losing their jobs because of a new Brussels ruling that will force them to pass eye tests without their glasses on. The regulation, which comes into effect throughout the European Union on July 1, is aimed at improving road

safety by forcing poorly sight-ed drivers of heavy vehicles off the roads. From that date all heavy goods vehicle and bus drivers will have to meet tough standards for their vision in both eyes when they reapply for their licences. Because of fears that drivers could be temporarily blinded if their glasses are knocked off or contact lenses pop out in the cab, they

allowed drivers to carry on working with one bad eye as long as the unaided vision in the other eye met the standard. It also required drivers reapplying for their licences to meet only the standard in force when they first qualified.

A Department of Transport spokesman said the new test demands that drivers who wear glasses must be able to see at 3 ft with uncorrected vision what a normal sighted person can see at 60 ft.

Hauliers predicted last night that the new regulation would end the careers of thousands of drivers. An estimated 60 per cent of drivers wear glasses or contact lenses. Bob Terris, managing director of the Southampton-based will have to pass their tests Meachers Transport, said: "It using their uncorrected vision. is absolutely ridiculous. I suppose it is possible glasses previous directive

common occurrence. It is easy

prevent that." Jim Good, 54, from Southampton, whose licence is up for renewal in three years, said he would not be able to continue his job. "I've been driving for 25 years and my glasses have not ever fallen."

Transport unions said the Government's forecast that about 3,000 drivers would lose their jobs as a result of the directive was a severe underestimate. But the spokesman for the Department of Trans-port dismissed the fear. "Yes, we recognise some drivers are going to lose their licences and yes, that is something we regret, but it is important that with vehicles of this size we are absolutely sure they are in safe

### Yeltsin claims siege victory

President Yeltsin claimed vic-tory over the Chechen guerril-las last night saying that 82 bostages had been freed from the village of Pervomaiskoye after four days of fighting.

However, reports from the front line said that the leader of the group and a number of his fighters had broken through the Russian lines and escaped into Chechenia the previous night. There was also doubt about how many hostages survived Page 15

### Climbdown on prisoner chaining The Home Secretary has an-

nounced a government climbdown on the shackling of women prisoners after protests from hospital staff and the Royal College

Michael Howard told MPs that prisoners taken to hospi-tal to give birth would not be chained or handcuffed after arriving ...

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# GPs offered 'more rewarding' hospital role

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT A RADICAL shake-up of the way

family doctors work was announced by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, yesterday. Britain's 30,000 GPs will be expected to treat accident and emergency

cases, chronic illness and mental

health patients under a national

contract to be drawn up over the next

BY JILL SHERMAN

hospitals under the supervision of consultants as well as carrying out minor surgery and post-operative care in GP surgeries. More patients would be treated at

home rather than in hospital under the proposals, partly designed to ease growing pressure on hospital beds. Nurses working for GP practices would take on extra duties such as

prescribing drugs and seeing regular

patients with minor problems, freeing

doctors for more serious ailments.

Mr Dorrell outlined his plan for primary health care services to GP leaders yesterday afternoon, pledging reasonable rewards for reasonable workloads".

In an earlier interview, he admitted legislation might be needed for parts of the contract, which would be detailed in a consultation paper this summer after discussions with the medical profession. But he emphasised he wanted to proceed with most changes as soon as

opportunity to improve the quality of service to patients and make work more rewarding for staff," he said. This first major reform of GP services since 1990 met a cautious

he won GPs' agreement.

response from the British Medical Association. Doctors welcomed Mr Dorrell's "constructive approach" but feared extra work would not be

- he hoped within a year - provided

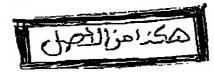
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# Crusading hyenas and other laughing matters

mmersed in their pet sub-jects, politicians often talk what would be total gibberish to the rest of the world. For months the Home Secresudden references to bumble apparently. Yesterday David Maclean, a junior Home Office minister, started raving about hyenas. Informed by Tom Cox (Lab. Tooting) that cars were being stolen in Manchester on order for Australia, Madean boasted that "the hyenas campaign" would

THE Home Secretary an-

nounced a government climb-

down on the shackling of

women prisoners yesterday

after protests from hospitals

and the Royal College of

that prisoners taken to hospi-

tal to give birth would not be

chained or handcuffed after

arriving. He has also relaxed

the policy on women attending

antenatal clinics and regula-

tions on male and female

inmates attending outpatient

Mr Howard said that the

new arrangements would

strike "a reasonable balance

on behalf of the public" be-

tween security and treating

prisoners with humanity. But Jack Straw, Shadow

appointments.

Michael Howard told MPs

lobbied by a hyena, it was hard to picture.

Next to strain credulity was Peter Luff (C. Worcester), who warned the PM about Labour's "shaddy" backroom deals. Shaddy? "Sorry." stam-mered Mr Luff, "shobby." He may have meant shady; or shoddy; or shabby; or even scabby. Or crabby? Or perhaps he did not know what he meant. The hyenas will get

We moved to Michael Howard's statement - an awkward climbdown, conducted with poise - about the treat-What were hyenas campaign- ment of pregnant women pris-

Howard backs down

on chaining of

pregnant prisoners

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

Home Secretary, told him in

the Commons: "You have been driven to this humiliating

retreat not by decency or by

compassion, but by panic at the avalanche of bad

The controversy began after

a television programme showed Annette Walker, a

serial thief, shackled during

part of her labour at the

Whittington Hospital, north

London. Earlier this week

ministers defended the re-

Under the revised regula-

tions, which were sent to

prison governors last night,

pregnant prisoners will be

handcuffed during the journey to hospital but the restraints

will be removed on arrival. In

most circumstances they will

publicity."

straint policy.



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

oners. All at once, it seems, we "manacle" prisoners. Or else, according to MPs, we "shackle" them, or keep them "in

By contrast, ministers speak of "securing" prisoners. One set of terms evokes a picture of wretches chained to dripping walls. "Securing" suggests a friendly officer, perhaps, holding the prisoner firmly by the hand. Of course what both sides are discussing is the

be escorted by two female

prison officers and jail staff will not be present in the

delivery room unless the

antenatal checks will have

restraints removed when they

reach the waiting room unless

there is an exceptionally high

to allow the removal of re-

straints on men and women

prisoners attending hospital if

a risk assessment suggests

they will not attempt to escape.

The inmate will, however, be

escorted by two prison offi-

cers. Mr Howard indicated

that restraints would continue

The softening of the guide-

lines, which were introduced

to be used in most cases.

Governors will also be able

Women visiting hospital for

woman requests it.

risk of escape.

handcuffing of prisoners: the

So the frustration of Michael Fabricant (C, Mid-Staffs) was understandable. Bouncing up and down whenever manacles were mentioned (and interrupting the complaints of the Labour spokesman Jack Straw with shouts of "They're criminals - convict-

ed criminals!") Fabricant then

got up to tell MPs that they

in April 1994, was given qualified approval by penal reform groups. Paul Cava-

dino, chairman of the Penal

Affairs Consortium, said:

This belated shift towards a

more humane policy is wel-

come. However, the change is

guidelines, drawn up after

He complained that the

a limited one."

were "not discussing innocent young gals". Gathering steam, he added: "They're not balls and chains," then subsided, spluttering "anyway, they're Then rage overcame him

once more. Angela Eagle (Lab, Wallasey) was protesting that the mother might be a crimi-nal. "but the babies are innocent". Fabricant blew a fuse. "The babies aren't shackled," he barked; then, in total rage: "we aren't shackling the

Manacles, shackled foetuses, hyenas ... I was having trouble getting my head round all this, when Dr Norman Godman (Lab, Greenock & Port Glasgow) rose to inform the Home Secretary that a prisoner had been operated on for haemorrhoids while manaded to a prison officer. "The officer was masked and gowned," added Godman, mysteriously. "as it was an

operation." Presumably the prisoner was masked and gowned, too. Two masked and gowned figures, handcuffed together, wheeled in for a haemorrhoid op. Dreadful if they got the wrong one.

Up in the Press Gallery, hilarity wrestled sympathy. As indeed it did when

see the bastards are plotting again. And it's not your fault. It's just your bad luck to be Prime Minister when the bills are coming in from the Thatcher era. It's not a leadership election your backbench MPs need, it's a general election. That would soon shut

them up."
We could all but see the tears of gratitude welling in the PM's eyes as he recognised this inadmissible but wholly accurate expression of what he almost certainly believes himself.

He denied it, of course.

interpretation" had not occ-

urred to him. But to West-

Heseltine's revelation was

dynamite. Mr Major's re-nowned skills as a tactician

of the highest order had

again been proven. Mr

Heseltine's motives in dis-

closing what until then had

been secret were unclear. The

Times has learnt, however, that he told some Tory MPs

about the deal shortly before

he revealed it in the inter-

view. They had regarded the

information as confidential

The second element in

solving the mystery came during yesterday's disclosure

about the current round of

anti-Major plotting. Loyalist elders who are talking about replacing Mr Major with a compromise candidate, were

following the same path then. Mr Heseltine was the

name they kept coming back to on both occasions.

Some of the names that have been circulating over the last two days

as people who were at the

time openly canvassing the possibility of asking Mr Ma-

jor to go are senior MPs who

under any circumstances

would be regarded as loyal-

ist. They are categorised by

their colleagues as the "born

to rule" type Tories, the sort

who in the end were happy to

go along with the toppling of Lady Thatcher after support-

ing ber strongly during her

MPs have told The Times

that they were shocked by the "old school" Tories, from

wealthy and landed families with historic connections

with the party, who were putting out feelers last sum-

mer before Mr Major's

counter-coup. They said that

and kept it to themselves.

### Signs of life on distant planets Two planets discovered cir-

MENSAN BRIEF

cling distant stars might harit, Paul Murdin, director of science at the British National Space Centre, said yesterday Gravity would be so powerful that creatures living there would be "short and fat, not long and thin like us", he said after the announcement in Texas that two planets have been found where temperatures might be cool enough to allow liquid water to exist. One is in the Virgo constellation, the other in the Great Bear. Both appear to be large planets with big cores. The next step in the search for life would be to find evidence of oxygen in the atmosphere of planets elsewhere.

Are we alone? page 18

# Cardinal attacks

divorce Bill Cardinal Hume, the Arch-bishop of Westminster, today adds his voice to opposition to the Lord Chancellor's divorce Bill, saying that further thought must be given to the issue of fault. Writing in The Tablet, the Roman Catholic weekly, he also argues that the Bill does not go far enough to underline the seriousness of breaking the marriage con-tract and doubts Lord Mackay of Clashfern's ability to predict the impact of his

### Gulf cuts prices

Gulf Oil stepped into what it called the "savage and futile" pump price wars and cut the price of its unleaded petrol by 7p a litre. From midnight tonight, the highest price for a litre of unleaded fuel at Gulf's 500 service stations will fall to 56.9p. Esso triggered the latest forecourt battle by scrapping its Tiger tokens in favour of lower prices. Shell then cut its prices by up to 4.4p.

### Ban escaped

MPs and motoring organisations criticised a court's decision not to disqualify the footballer Chris Armstrong for driving at 104mph. Armstrong, 24, of Chigwell, Essex. who plays for Tottenham Hotspur, told Telford magistrates it would cause him difficulty in getting to training sessions. He was fined £500. given six penalty points and ordered to pay £30 costs.

### Defence order

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, confirmed yesterday that Land Rover has been given an order for 800 Army ambulances and 8,000 other military trucks that will safeguard more than 500 jobs in British industry. The ambulance contract was won after fierce competition from an Austrian company. Steyr Dairnler Puch, which has got a £4 million order for trucks.

### Potato crop fear

A potentially devastating crop disease has been detected in a consignment of imported Dutch seed potatoes, the Ministry of Agriculture has dis-closed. The brown rot infection is spreading rapidly through potato farms in The Netherlands, from which British growers import 25 per cent of their early seed varieties. Once in the soil the infection is difficult to eliminate.

### Ticket rethink

British Rail backed down in a dispute over passengers who, due to an anomaly, have been paying more for travelling one stop than for two stops. Passengers at Sevenoaks buying the cheaper fare faced a £10 penalty if they left the train at the first stop. But after intervention by the Rail Regulator. the South Eastern train company has told staff not to impose penalty fares.

## Grandees' plot forces Tories to look anew at their leader

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

There were two sets of account in The Times of the "grandees' plot" against John Major's leader-ship. Some politicians looked to the immediate future, asking who were the plotters, whether they would succeed or whether the early news of their activities would also be the end of them. Others looked back to last year and the still mysterious circumstances surrounding John Major's decision to lay down his Tory leadership and fight to get it back.

Like most of the political world Baroness Thatcher was shocked last June when John Major formally resigned as Tory leader and announced his intention to take on his foes in an early contest. It looked an astonishing gamble. The Prime Minister was giving his detractors the chance they longed for months earlier

than he needed. He was putting his head on the block. A feeling had been growing among MPs that Michael Heseltine was the man who might give them hope. Why did Major take the risk of being supplanted? And how did he engineer that some of those with the deepest doubts about his leadership, became so prominent in

the campaign to re-elect him? Lady Thatcher is known to have confided to one friend that there must be an unknown factor behind Mr Major's brave decision. That was also the suspicion of Westminster insiders as Mr Major launched his gambit and brilliantly pulled it off. They had to wait months before the first element that no one had known about emerged. Mr Heseltine re-vealed in an interview with The Times in December that he had been informally offered the job of deputy prime minister three weeks before

ship election.
The interview disclosed that well before he made his move Mr Major had spoken of a significant promotion for the man who at the time was favourite to succeed him. Mr Major got Mr Heseltine on his side well in advance. Mr Heseltine told The Times that such a "Machiavellian

they were being sounded out about a "coalition around an idea" — code for a putsch. Those hoping to get rid of Mr Major called the leader-Mr Major were banking on an autumn leadership contest. But he forced everyone to take sides and the "loyalists" had to stay loval. The Tories who were prepared last year to put their party before their leader are still around him. He has to rely on his skill in confound-



John Major with Michael Heseltine yesterday. the man Tories thought could give them hope

### BBC blocks the 2-minute political broadcast Dave Hill, Labour's head of press, said BY ALEXANDRA FREAN he was disappointed at the BBC's decision. The party would continue to halved to five minutes in the late 1970s. MEDIA CORRESPONDENT The corporation conceded last night THE BBC has blocked a Labour Party that many viewers regard party political broadcasts as a tedious disruption press for two-minute broadcasts. "You have to put the message across in a plan to ease the pain of viewers by to their normal viewing but warned way which meets the expectations of reducing the length of party political viewers today. A shorter, sharper Labour that shorter broadcasts would broadcasts to just two minutes. The corporation feared viewers message will seem like less of an confuse audiences. "It is felt that five would not be able to absorb complicatinterruption and will be less likely to minutes is the absolute minimum amount of time that a party can inform ed political messages in short bursts and that there was a risk of mistaking people about their policies and view-

make unsuspecting audiences switchoff. A greater number of shorter messages will be more effective. Everything is moving in that direction."

A spokesman for Conservative Central Office said that if broadcasts were made very short, there was a danger that viewers would find them hard to distinguish from programme trailers and commercials. "Another danger with short broadcasts is that they force you into being very negative. Most American political advertising is 30 seconds long and it is heavily nega-tive," he said.

following a judge's comment

that to jail a man who was

four times over the limit was

"utterly inappropriate". Lord Taylor of Gosforth

issued his guidance to magis-

trates after a Court of Appeal

ruling last summer in which

Mr Justice Sachs quashed a

two-month jail sentence and

Magistrates and justices

clerks expressed concern last

week that the appeal court

ruling could undermine their

powers to jail drivers above the legal alcohol limits. Deliv-

ering judgment last August, Mr Justice Sachs said: "It can

never be appropriate to send a

man for this criminality, at the

lower end of the scale as it is, to prison. There are other

perfectly appropriate ways of dealing with people who drive

Yesterday Lord Taylor, sit-

ting on another drink-driving

appeal, said courts should not

follow the observations in the

with excess alcohol."

substituted a fine of £500.

talks between the Prison Ser-vice and the Royal College of

Midwives, would still mean

that women were handcuffed

during funerals, visits to elder-

ly relatives and civil court

proceedings. "Most women

prisoners pose little, if any, security risk. Handcuffing

them should be the exception

Jack Straw, left, said Michael Howard had been

panicked into changing the rules on restraint

### them for advertisements. The broadpoints," a BBC spokeswoman said. Top judge urges tough drink-drive penalties BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT THE Lord Chief Justice made clear yesterday that heavy drink-drivers should be jailed and he warned courts against

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# British children trailing in maths

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR** 

OVER-RELIANCE on calculators and too little attention to mental arithmetic are leaving British primary school children up to two years behind their Continental counterparts in mathematics, according to a report published today.

A study of textbooks and teaching methods in Britain, Germany and Switzerland found that British schools devote about half their mathematics lessons to arithmetic, compared with 80 per cent elsewhere in Europe. They also spend less time practising the basics.

The report, by Helvia Bierhoff, a German researcher, argues that the division of the national curriculum for mathematics into five areas prevents primary school teachers giving their pupils sufficient grounding in arithmetic. German and Swiss teachers spend up to

live times as much class time on practice and consolidation before moving on to new topics. Continental teachers also rely more on textbooks, which have to be approved by the Government. Dr Bierhof says English schools are "reinventing the wheel" by producing their own schemes of work, which treat textbooks simply as one source of material.

Swiss teachers visiting British schools as part of the study by the National titute of Economic and Social Research found that ten-year-olds were between one and two years behind Swiss pupils. Professor Sig Prais, the institute's head of research, said the findings demonstrated the urgency of new guidance on teaching mathematics in state schools.

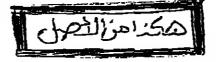
Academics and politicians have been increasingly critical of school mathematics in recent months, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, is planning a network of regional

centres to help primary schools to teach basic numeracy more effectively. The report comes as the Government

prepares to publish the results of the first national tests of 11-year-olds that are expected to confirm deficiencies in mathematics. Mrs Shephard has already ordered a calculator-free test this year and wants mental arithmetic to be tested separately in future.

Professor Margaret Brown, an academic from King's College London who chaired the Joint Mathematical Association last year, said Britain's international standing was often underestimated, but there were clear areas of weakness. especially in arithmetic. She said other international studies had shown British pupils near the average for Europe, but behind their counterparts in countries around the Pacific Rim.

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# The naked truth shocks father of anti-car protester

THE roads protester who stripped naked in Coventry Cathedral is the daughter of a consultant metallurgist who specialises in metal forming turning sheet metal into cars.

Roger Pearce did not recognise her from newspaper and television pictures until The Times yesterday broke the news that "Angel Koyanti" was his daughter Lucy, a drama graduate.

Mr Pearce, 70, from St Keverne, Cornwall, told how his 35-year-old daughter became a tepee-dwelling "eco warrior" prepared to daub herself in slogans before Prince Michael of Kent.

However, his first reaction was: "I have seen the lady's picture on the front page of the newspaper and it certainly is

people building roads when "Angel" gave police the name all the bureaucratic procedure Lucy Pearce and spoke of has gone through and plangraduating from Exeter Univning permission is granted," ersity, he paused, consulted Mr Pearce said last night. his wife Eileen, and said: "Oh Ms Pearce was born in dear, now I have looked at the North Hinksey, Oxfordshire. picture again with Lucy's step-Her mother Gwendoline died

mother I have changed my mind. Without doubt it is Lucy Pearce. It never crossed my mind: nobody thinks their daughter is running naked out of Coventry Cathedral." He last heard from her two

days ago, when she sent a

letter from the camp on the

A30 outside Exeter where, under the tribal name Angel Quercus, she prepares to confront roadbuilders. "I do not approve of fighting

College. It was there she became interested in drama. and one of those is stopping She crammed, without a tutor, obtained an A level in English and won a place at Exeter University to study drama, graduating with a 2:1

Yesterday Ms Pearce set aside her deep beliefs for the sake of practicality and returned to her fellow demonstrators in a car. She arrived back at the protest site at Allercombe after accepting a lift in a journalist's car, saying: "Well, we have to get in

of a fractured skull in a car crash in Bedfordshire in August 1965. Ms Pearce, the

youngest of three children.

taking O levels in arts subjects

then went to work for the

Milton Keynes Development

Corporation. She then became a gardener, training at Merrist Wood Agricultural

Mr Pearce said his daughter left Bedford High School after

was then five.

She added: "This morning I went out and got all the papers to see what they made of me. They don't seem to under stand I was emulating Lady Godiva or what the protest was really about. They just wanted to show my body.
"Everyone wants to know

about my mother dying and my nephew having asthma

Lucy Pearce back at her camp at Allercombe yesterday, having accepted a lift there in a journalist's car. "We have to get in one sometime"

but it's about much more than that. My mother did die in a car crash when I was five but it is not something I really want to talk about, though I suppose it must have something to do with it all.

"I suppose I have been an environmentalist ever since I can remember. I always felt this way, regardless of what was happening in my person-

"My nephew's situation

the Government's Chief Medical Officer has admitted car pollution is a secondary cause of breathing difficulties. During the hot summer we were all advised it was dangerous for asthmatic children to go outside because of the high was very easy for her to get involved or even be the ringlevels of poliution. How would leader of certain left-wing activities, although left-wing is you like to tell your child he

Mr Pearce said of his daughter: "She's a very bright

can't run outside because of

sort of things that elderly daughter?" I said, 'I don't fathers think their daughters should do. I think she became nice daughter". "She can write, she can an activist when she went to draw but she does not use any Exeter. It was in her make-up. She was a mature student so it

not quite the right word.
"We went to talk to her lecturers and I remember one of them said to me, "What's it

know, it is just nice to have a

of it in any permanent or stable way. She gets swept into demonstrations and to go off and live in benders, which I understand are wicker igloos. "However, there has never

been any anger here. She, Eileen and I have always been a happy family. I've told her someone having a 2:1 from Exeter ought to do something more useful than living off the State and fighting battles she couldn't win, but she said, 'Don't get on at me, Dad'."

Last night an acquaintance from Exeter said he was not surprised at the naked protest. She has always been quite active in roads issues," John Primrose, a drama department technician, said. "She wasn't disruptive but she was

**Transplant** 

man given

cancerous

kidney

# Lorry driver 'moved papergirl's bicycle' after hit and run death

"Angel Koyanti" making her protest during the service on Wednesday to mark the car's centenary

THE driver of a lorry that struck a girl on her paper round early yesterday is believed to have climbed down from his cab to move her bicycle before driving off. Amy Durling, 15, of Herne Bay, Kent died from her injuries.

Witnesses have given police a description of the articulater lorry thought to have entered the country via Ramsgate. incident, Graham Palmer and a woman colleague, tried to tend to Amy but her injuries were so serious that she was certified dead on arrival at

Kent police said: "It is proving very difficult finding out exactly what happened because eye witnesses are so shocked. Witnesses have told us that the lorry was travelling



Amy: died from injuries

in convoy with another truck. Both are thought to have foreign registration plates.
"We have been in contact

with the ports and local transport companies and given them a description of the vehicle." Police will issue leaflets to freight drivers at and will be stopping drivers-at the scene to establish if they recall seeing anything at the

The lorry, and one following behind, both had yellow cabs and blue trailers. They are thought to have been travelling to London or the M25. Kent ambulance service

said the two paramedics had seen the accident at around 7.30am at the Greenhill roundabout on the A299. Amy, a pupil at Herne Bay High School and who lived near the scene of the incident. had collided with the lorry and skidded under its wheels.

Danny O'Donovan, her head teacher, said: "She was a very caring girl who loved working with children. Her most recent work placement had been at a nursery and I know her ambition was one

day to go into nursing."

Array's father Steven, 41, and mother Angela, 39, and her three sisters are being com-forted by relatives. Mr Durling, a British Gas engineer, has been told by police that the driver of the truck stopped and jumped out to pull away Arny's bicycle before speeding off. Mr

Durling said he began to get worried when Amy had not returned home from her paper round. He contacted the newsent, who also said that she had not come back.

Mr Durling drove off in search of his daughter. He said: "I came across the accident and could not see anything. Then I noticed some newspapers scattered around on the ground. I did not want to put two and two together. We adored her and can't believe she has gone."

in London at 7am on January He rang her later that day to say he was going to a meeting and has not been seen since. Mrs Monaghan will appear on television this morning to appeal for information.

national station. No money

# Bacharach and

# for missing

night for the safety of one of Britain's most senior rail executives. Peter Monaghan, 48, who is responsible for running the 14 biggest stations on the network, disappeared from his home in Solihull. West

Police said his Rover was parked at Birmingham Interhad been withdrawn from his

their backs on techno, garage and house music in favour of tunes their grandparents loved. It has become cool to don evening dress, drink cocktails and dance to The Sandnipers' Guantanamera beneath a glittering mirror

switching to Radio 2 and flocking to nightclubs to hear records by Serge Gainsbourg, who with Jane Birkin sang the 1960s' Je TAime, as an easy listening revival sweeps

Penny Fewer of A&M Records, whose imminent compilation of Burt Bacharach hits, The Look of Love, is praised by DJ, the club maga-zine, said: "It is a step away from the whole drug culture thing and dancing m ly. People could be tired of ing to clubs where it is just loud music. They can actually talk to each other.

vening dresses and things they have borrowed from their mums' wardrobes because you are going to look hetter dancing in a swirling

Middle-of-the-road radio

Como conquer techno generation stations are winning listeners

Bill Morris, head of Radio 2

music department, said:

"There is a group of younger

people who are with great

Cole, Matt Monro, Frank

Sinatra and the classic

The main stars of the reviv-

al are the bandleaders Herb

Alpert and Ray Conniff, Liza Minnelli, Paul Williams, the

singer of Just An Old Fash-

ioned Love Song, and B. J.

Thomas, who sang Rain

Drops Keep Falling on My

Nightclubs leading the cult include World of Cheese in

Bristol, Swinging Safari in

north London, Indigo in the

West End and the City

CHEESE club in Chancery

Lane, central London, which

tomorrow night will feature

Perry Como, Tom Jones and Olivia Newton John.

floors by playing advertising

jingles and television theme

Disc jockeys can fill dance

rediscovering Nat King

HOSPITAL staff committed a series of blunders when they transplanted a cancerous kidney into a patient and then failed to rectify their mistake, a High Court judge said esterdav

Doctors failed to warn Peter Sumner, 51, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, early enough of the risk that the kidney was cancerous and should be removed. Mr Sumner, who is claim-

ing substantial damages from Brighton Health Authority. believed he was dying until the cancer went into unexpected remission.

Mr Justice Collins, who will announce the amount of damages next week, was highly critical of staff at Royal Sussex County Hospital.

He said: They could not really have made greater blunders in the way they treated him once they realised that they had put in a potentially cancerous kidney, even if they meant well. They clearly treated him very badly. There is no question about that."

The health authority has conceded that it should have warned him of the cancer risk earlier and recommended re-

### Jobless typist loses his sex bias case

By Paul Wilkinson

A HIGHLY skilled male typist lost his fight yesterday to prove sexual discrimination by a secretarial recruitment agency. He claimed the agency had refused to find him work because he was a man. Alan Robinson, 30, a bachelor, who was

supported by the Equal Opportunities Commission, claimed Office Angels failed

c. A malignant demon

to contact him after an interview at its Leeds office, even though it had said qualified typists were "like gold dust". He told the industrial tribunal in Leeds that he was also refused a typing test by the company because he was a man.

Mr Robinson, unemployed, from Quarmby, near Huddersfield, had typing qualifications that included a distinction in one exam. However, he failed to

include the qualifications on his applica-tion form. Office Angels staff told the tribunal that it was standard procedure not to give a typing test to applicants for a permanent post. The firm also insisted that Mr Robinson was sent three letters after his interview in July last year — two of them about a job at Midland Bank.

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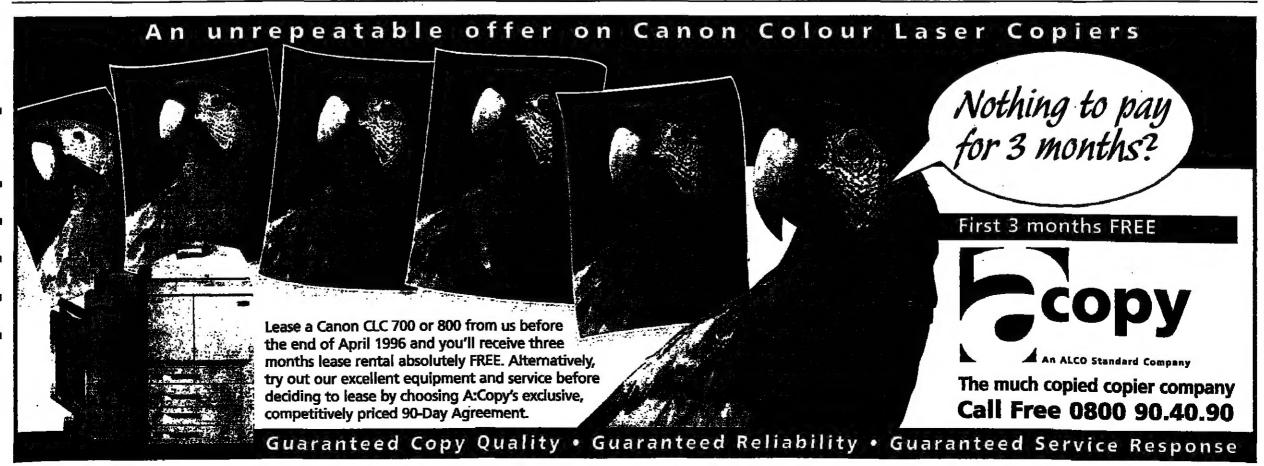


### rail chief By JONATHAN PRYNN CONCERN was growing last

Midlands, ten days ago. He was last seen by his wife Glenne when he left for work

"People go in gold lamé and

songs massively amplified through nightclub speaker systems. Match of the Day is a particular crowd-pleaser.



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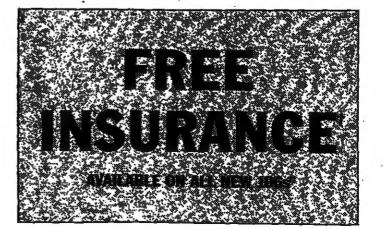
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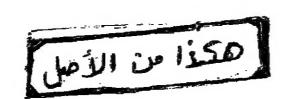


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TIGER MOTH'S FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO CAPE TOWN

MR. COBHAM'S FLIGHT

SOUTH AFRICAN AVIATION PROSPECTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) TAPE TOUX. FEB. 18.



# David Belcliffe, left, and Tony Richards in a Tiger Moth, left. They will have to make 52 stops on their copycat flight of the pioneering 1926 trip to Cape Town, reported in The Times, by Alan Cobham, right London fog ruins Tiger Moth's flying start on African jaunt

TWO pilots due to take off on an epic re-enactment of the first flight from London to South Africa were foiled yesterday by the British weather. While they should have been heading south to the sun, thick fog shrouded the airfield, completely observing the property completely obscuring the runway.

Tony Richards and David
Belcliffe still hope to get Skippy.

their 60-year-old Tiger Moth, air-borne today or tomorrow in time to complete their 8,000-mile flight to Cape Town by February 17. That is the date on which Alan Cobham. who pioneered their route 70 years

ago, touched down in 1926. Cobham's purpose was to prove that flights between Britain and South Africa were a commercial possibility, and his success opened the way for mail flights and later

the Imperial Airways route to South Africa. The idea of recreating the flight originated when Dirk Ackerman, managing direc-tor of South African airports, was taken for a flight in Skippy last year. The plane, kept at the headquarters of the Tiger Club at Headcorn, Kent, is usually employed on demonstration lights

and flying lessons. The two-seater Tiger Moth has a range of little more than 200 miles. and will have to make 52 stops on its journey, even more than Cobham required when making his flight in a larger and more power-ful DH60. When obliged to land where airfields no longer exist, the two pilots ann to camp overnight.

"Nobody has done a flight like this for 50 years," Mr Beldiffe said yesterday. "Nowadays pilots fly over Africa, not through it. We will

be showing the flag in places that have not had an aviation visitor for years." Skippy will fly through Europe to Africa, following the Nile south and then through Kenya, and Zimbabwe to South

The principal alterations from Cobham's original route are a deviation skirting southern Sudan, where authorities warned that conflict on the border with Uganda

had to be avoided, and in South Africa, where Skippy will land at a series of airports undreamt of when Cobham flew.

"In Europe the challenge will be the weather and taking an old aircraft through modern facilities," said Mr Belcliffe, 39, an airport consultant. "In Africa we will be landing at places without any regular aviation support, and in South Africa the problem will be

Richards, 30. his co-pilot and manager of the Tiger Club, said the couple would take it in turns to pilot from the back seat. The front-seat instrumentation has been taken out to make room for an extra fuel tank so the man in the front has the maps and navigates."

They will report their progress by satellite telephone and fax to British schools and universities.

# **Duchess drops** Concorde for

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York flew to America yesterday on a combined business and pleasure trip as concern grew over how she will meet debts of up to £3

The Duchess, who will at-

Abandoning her plan to fly by Concorde (the fare to New York costs £5,000 return) the Duchess booked first-class seats, costing £4,256, on a subsonic British Airways

The Duchess is taking her daughters, the Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, on the trip. The royal party, including the children's nanny, is expected to stay at the Carlyle Hotel in New York, where suites cost between \$500 and \$1,500

(£1,100) a night. Duchess said that she was setting a precedent by not

just over a year ago as the

The Duchess is entitled to claim expenses for herself but she will be meeting those costs, and those of the prin-

self," the spokeswoman said.
She declined to say how the Duchess proposed to pay back her debts, which are reported to be about £3 million. If the estimates are accurate, the Duchess's overdraft at Courts

The Duchess will attend a board meeting of her charity in New York on Monday. She would also be carrying out her own business, seeing friends, "and I suppose shopping", the spokeswoman said. □ Sir David Steel, a Privy Counsellor and former leader of the Liberal Party, suggested yesterday that junior mem-bers of the Royal Family might lose their titles on

Philip Howard, page 18

# first-class trip

tend a fundraising dinner in Connecticut tomorrow for her charity Chances for Children, reacted swiftly to the message from Buckingham Palace that she can expect no financial support from the Queen.

flight to Washington

claiming back any expenses from the charity. The Duchess founded Chances for Children

American arm of her British charity Children in Crisis.

cesses and their nanny her-

bank is costing about El.700 a

divorce. Titles had to be earned rather than bestowed automatically, he said.

# Big spenders who need treatment



THERE is doubt about the exact amount of the Duchess of York's debts, but general agreement that she overspends to a degree that is unusual. The question is whether such behaviour is not only unusual but so abnormal as to be the symptom of a recognisable psychiatric

Extravagant spending can be a symptom of mood disorder, either manic or hypomanic behaviour, or conversely of mild depression. About 20 years ago I was asked to see as an emergency a banker whose behaviour was making his colleagues concerned. When I asked the banker what his troubles were, he rushed me out to the car park and, laughing, flung open his boot and car doors to reveal a. vehicle loaded to the roof with objets d'art and knickknacks. Before seeing me he had visited Portobello Road in London and in a couple of hours had spent £10,000-plus, probably more than his annu-

The rest of his behaviour his restlessness, euphoria. rapid and continous speech and inflated self-esteem made a diagnosis of mania obvious. The buying spree was merely additional

Full-blown mania such as this is easy to diagnose, more difficult are cases where the patient is hypomanic a far more minor version of the same condition. The only clues may be overactivity, frequently described as bubbliness, with over-grandiose

and over-expansive behav-iour of which injudicious spending may be a part. On the other hand, slightly depressed patients can cheer up themselves by undertaking vhat they may now call

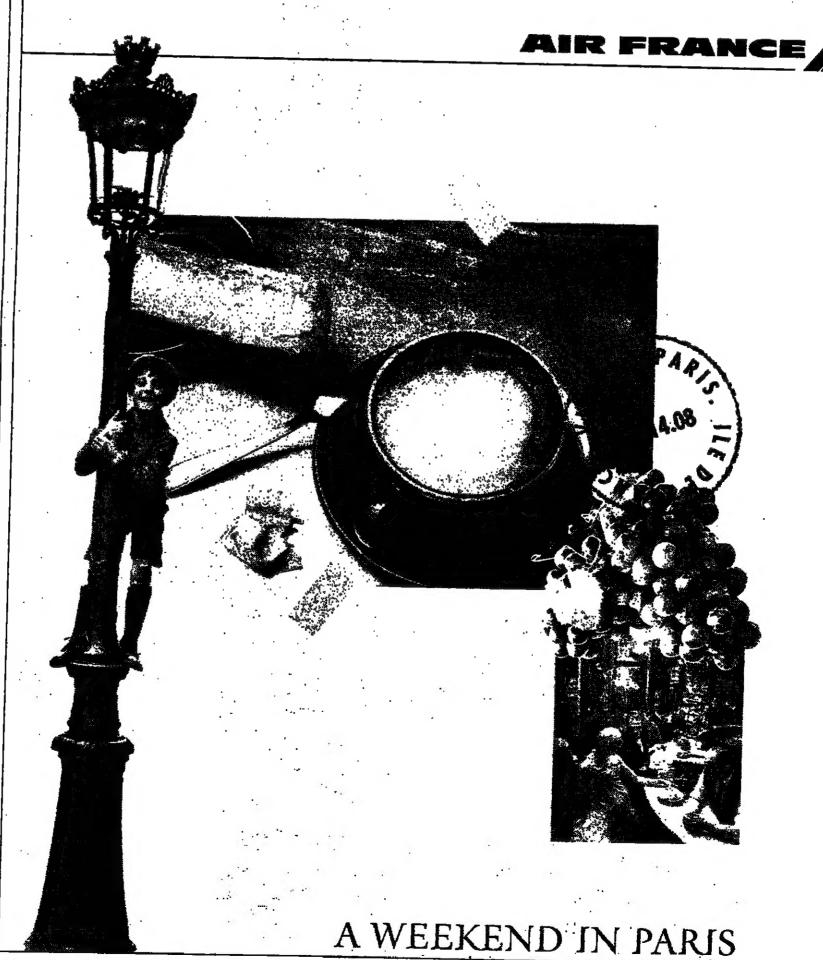
shopping therapy.

Spending tens of thousands on redecorating a rented ouse could be an example of behaviour by someone who is slightly hypomanic or minimally depressed, but it could also be a feature of what is called disorder of impulse control. A sufferer is unable to resist the temptation to carry out some antisocial or damaging act whether it be gamng, shopping or travelling, which is known as vagabond neurosis. Today not all vagabonds are poor, they can be rich and fly from resort to resort. These patients are restless and unhappy before they give way to their compulsion, and feel at ease once the

The Duchess of York's own opinion on her financial problems should not be overlooked. She has frequently said that she spends only to give her children what she considers a suitable upbringing. Having had a rather tumultuous early life herself and then having separated from her husband, she may be seeking to give her daughters the superficial security provided by servants, luxurious surroundings and fre-

objective has been achieved.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



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### Antibiotic linked to arthritis and liver damage

# Acne treatment blamed for deaths of two women

AN ACNE treatment taken by 200,000 teenagers can cause severe arthritis and damage the liver and lungs, doctors said yesterday. Minocycline. the most popular anti-acne drug in Britain, has caused two deaths and at least 24 other serious reactions. One patient needed a liver transplant.

More than \$00,000 prescriptions for minocycline were issued last year, most of them to acne sufferers. The drug, an antibiotic, needs to be taken long term and most patients have repeat prescriptions every three months. It is more popular than other equally effective antibiotics because it is taken only once a day, but it is up to ten times more expensive.

The alarm was raised by doctors at Selly Oak Hospital. Birmingham, who noted that a series of young women seeking arthritis treatment at the rheumatology clinic were also taking minocycline for acne. When they stopped taking the drug, the arthritis disappeared.

The observations triggered a research study led by Professor Paul Emery, now of Leeds OUT, DAMNED SPOT

More than £90,000 a day is spent on soaps, creams and gels in the quest for a spot-free skin. Acne can affect the back and chest but it is the facial spots that cause most distress. They often occur in adolescence and can lead to unhappiness and self-loathing.

New treatments and growing recognition of the damage that untreated acne can do has improved the response from GPs, whose favoured remedy used to be fresh air and avoiding food such as chocolates and chips in favour of fruit. There is no evidence that diet affects acne but sex hormones do, which is why its peak occurrence is at puberty.

Almost all adolescents will bave a few spots at some

time, but 15 per cent suffer badly enough to require treatment. The cause is overproduction of sebum, a greasy substance that clogs the pores. Normally harmless bacteria on the skin's surface multiply

within the plugged pore, producing large spots.

The most effective lotions available over the counter are those containing benzoyl peroxide, which lessens the greasiness. Antibiotics such as tetracycline work by reducing skin bacteria and inflammation. Improvement may not be apparent for several months. Doctors may also prescribe retinoic acid, a vitamin A derivative rubbed on the skin. or antimicrobial treatments.

the Committee on Safety of

Medicines, the Government's

adviser. Three quarters of the

victims were women and two

was no reason to withdraw the

drug but patients should be

Professor Emery said there

died from liver failure.

en patients taking minocycline have been identified since 1990 with signs of systemic lupus erythematosus, immune disease which causes severe arthritis. Some of the patients also had liver inflammation. All recovered when

the drug was stopped. A further II cases of severe

should consult their doctor and have a blood test. The symptoms may be as vague as a general malaise. It is up to the Committee on Safety of Medicines whether there should be a legal requirement

for blood testing.
"No one need stop taking the drug," Professor Emery said. "The important thing is that people know about these extremely rare but serious side effects so that they can look out for them. All our patients improved with cessation of the

drug."
An editorial in the BMJ says that minocycline has also been linked with lung damage and leaves blue-black deposits in the skin, nails and teeth of some patients. It recommends that patients try tetracycline or oxytetracycline first, which will be cheaper and perhaps

safer". Dr Celia Moss, consultant dermatologist at Birmingham Children's Hospital and joint author of the editorial, said: "I have never found any need to prescribe minocycline." Severe acne may be treated with isotretinoin, a drug relat-

ed to vitamin A. It is extremely effective but is prescribed only by hospitals because patients have to be monitored. The drug can cause liver damage and foetal abnormalities, so female patients must use



The surviving Venezuelan passion flower, which was grown to maturity by the botanist John Vanderplank

### Passion flower escapes bulldozers

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH botanist has learnt to his delight, and some alarm, that he is the possessor of the world's last specimen of the Venezuelan passion flower.

Developers have obliterated all traces of the flower, Passiflora lourdesae, in its only wild habitat on the edge of the mist-wreathed forests of the Lower Andes about 150 miles from Caracas.

Four years ago, anticipating the disaster, Miguel Molinari, a Venezuelan GP and amateur naturalist, sent seeds and cuttings of the flower to dozens of botanists in the United States

and Europe in the hope of ensuring its preservation. The only survivor is to be ound in the distinctly untropical setting: of Kingston Seymour, Avon, where-John Vanderplank has successfully nurtured a single flower to maturity.

"This plant appears to be the only one of its kind in existence," said Mr Vanderplank, who rons the National Collection of Passiflora. "It was discovered in the wild only in the last five. years and there are no others in botanical collections."

In Venezuela, Dr Molinari said yesterday: "I am so happy that John has grown this plant. Nobody here cares about plants, animals or the environ-

ment. A few people are interested in preserving nature but most people want to just keep on building." Mr Vanderplank has taken five

cuttings from the pinkisk-mauve plant and hopes to fly to Venezuela with a young plant in the next 18 months. He also hopes to supply Kew and other botanical gardens with specimens. His collection, which he funds himself, includes 200 of the world's 400 known species of passion flower. Jim Keesing, a scientist at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Kew, said: "We would be extremely happy to have a cutting. If John says this is the only one, then it is. He is the leading expert in his field.











### Newbury camps get benefits by post

By TIM JONES

POSTMEN delivered unemployment benefit cheques yesterday to demonstrators in makeshift camps near the site of the planned Newbury by-

pass in Berkshire. The Post Office said it was obliged to deliver once pro-testers had registered their camps and provided a post box. The Employment Department said it was bound by the same rules to send cheques to the addresses provided. The cheques will continue to be sent if those in the camps can satisfy the authorities they are

actively seeking work. Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, has said his official may use any evidence, including newspaper and television pictures, to determine if protesters are making themselves available for work. He said some had already been refused benefits because they

did not meet the criteria. Yesterday, as the protest entered its tenth day, investigators working for the security firm filmed protesters trying to halt the felling of trees. They concentrated on those who had climbed trees. The film may be passed to the Employment Department.

At a news conference in Newbury, the heads of six environmental organisations, including Greenpeace and the Worldwide Fund for Nature, said people should turn their attention away from the skirmishes between police and protesters and focus on the wider environmental issues and the damage the road

### Bank staff suspended over leak on lottery

By LEYLA LINTON

BARCLAYS Bank has suspended three of its staff after allegations that they leaked the name of a National Lottery

winner to the press.
It is believed that they saw the £14,002,870 Camelot cheque being processed at the main Barclays clearing centre in Northampton and passed details of a Chinese man's identity to The Sun.

The staff, from the office at

Brackmills, Northampton, were at home on full pay yesterday as Barclays started an investigation. If found at fault. they could be sacked. Nick Cobban, a spokesman

for Barclays, said: "We treat any breach of confidentiality extremely seriously.

Camelot's Royal Bank of Scotland cheque was made out to one of three winners who shared the lottery's £42 million double rollover jackpot two weeks ago. He had re-quested no publicity. A spokesman for the Nat-

ional Lottery said: "Security and confidentiality are paramount. We expect all companies who come into contact with lottery winners to respect that."

John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton North, said: "It is imperative that banks do not reveal the names of customers in any circumstances, not just National Lottery winners. Perhaps we should look at legislation to make breaches like this a criminal offence."

☐ This week's estimated National Lottery rollover jackpot has been revised to £23 mil-lion, Camelot said last night.

### Maxwell jury sets retirement record

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Maxwell fraud trial has broken the record for the longest retirement by a jury. The seven women and five men have spent II nights in a secret hotel.

Yesterday was the third consecutive day on which the jury trying the sons of the late Robert Maxwell was forced to suspend its deliberations because of sickness. Two members were too ill to continue and none of the 12 was required to attend Chichester Rents, the Old Bailey annexe where the trial began on May

31 last year.

Health problems arose late on Monday when a doctor was called in to examine six jurors complaining of chest infec-tions. On Tuesday, after 47 hours of deliberation. Lord Justice Phillips told the jury that the illnesses had been brought on by being cooped brought on by being cooped up in unhealthy conditions. ordered humidifiers for its room and suggested regular

The jury will continue its deliberations today, the 131st day of the trial, if its members are fit enough. Although they have not yet deliberated for a record time, the time they have spent in retirement is a record.

Previously, the longest Old Bailey case is thought to have been in April 1982 when the jury trying the murder of Terry May spent eight nights in an hotel, including the Easter weekend, and 56 hours 37 minutes deliberating.

Robert Maxwell's two your gest sons, Kevin, 36, and Ian, 39, and the former Maxwell aide Larry Trachtenberg, 42 deny conspiracy to defraud the pension fund by misusing £22 million worth of shares in the Israeli chemical company

Teva. Kevin Maxwell alone denies a similar charge of conspiring with his father to similarly misuse £100 million worth of shares in Scitex, another Israeli company. In both cases, brought by the Serious Fraud Office, the prosecution alleges the shares belong to the pensioners and not to

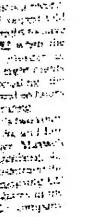


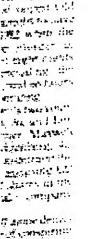
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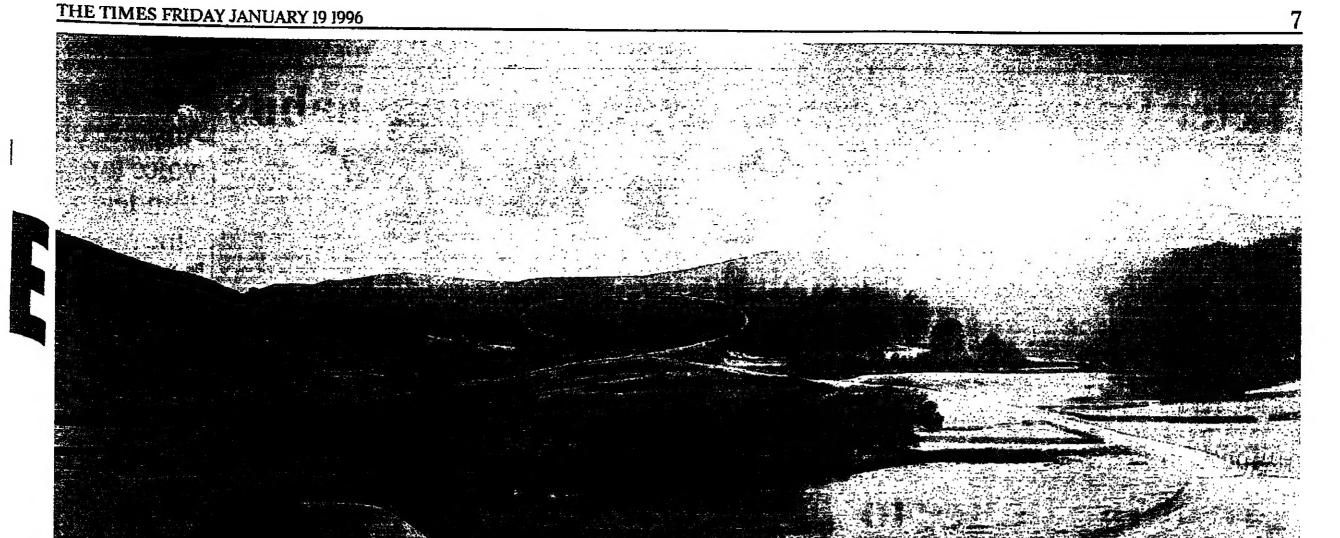
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# 'Peter Pans' trapped in an age of criminal habits

By RICHARD FORD. HOME CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG men are failing to prolonging their criminal careers, according to the Home Office. Research published yesterday says that there is a danger that young men who fail to find employment risk drifting into a type

of perpetual adolescence. The first national study of young people and crime. in-volving 1,721 people aged 14 to 25, found that the maturing to stop offending and that there was little evidence that young male offenders developed a moral conscience.

It also confirmed the apparent link between family structure and crime: young people

BY STEWART TENDLER

CS SPRAYS will be issued to

2,500 frontline police next

month to protect them from attack after chief constables

yesterday approved a six-month trial.

Training and written guid-ance will emphasise they

should use the sprays only where they face violence justi-

fying its use. Each officer will

have to defend his decision as

"reasonable force".

The sprays send out a jet of

CS to a range of three metres

which instantly give the

anacker streaming eyes.

sneezing and other unpleasant

sensations. These will last for

some minutes during which

time police will be able to

disarm and arrest the suspect.

The French-made sprays cost

Yesterday, after the trials were ratified at a national

meeting of chief constables.

Jim Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, and president of the Association of Chief

Police Officers, said there was

unanimous support among all

43 forces in England and

Wales to arm officers with an

incapacitator. The sprays

would fill the gap between the

baton and the general issue of

David Maclean, the Home

Office Minister responsible

for the police, said the best

available equipment must be

given to officers who could face attack. "The health effects

of CS have been thoroughly

researched to the level which

would be required for a phar-

about £3 each.

ents are less likely to offend parent or in a step-lamily. Young People and Crime

suggests parental training with special emphasis on preparation for young fatherhood, and encouragement to men to support young adult responsible role Although women offend less

as they grow older, men do not and their participation in property crime actually in-creases. "The notion that young people 'grow out' of crime is an oversimplification, at least for young males," the study says. "Many young people. even

Frontline police to

use CS sprays

in face of violence

**HOW IT WORKS** 

CS is not a gas, but a white crystalline solid that is dissolved in a

solvent. When sprayed

from an aerosol, the

solvent evaporates, leav-

ing a fine dispersion of

CS particles. When inhaled, the

particles effect the sen-

sory receptors in the skin and eyes and the

lining membranes of the

nose, mouth, respiratory

and gastrointestinal

tract. The effects are

immediate and unpleas-

ant As well as causing

the eyes to water pro-

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burning sensation in the

nose and throat, exces-

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1928 by two British chemists. B. B. Carson

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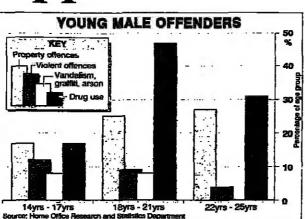
Yesterday Tony Burden, Chief Constable of Gwent and

the older tear gas.

health," he said.

CS was synthesised in

sensation on the skin.



still not completed the transition to a fully independent adult life." It adds that this development applies particu-larly to men, who lag behind

from the increasing level of

attack had to outweigh those

anxieties. Officers in his force

were already being attacked

with CS sprays illegally brought into Britain.

Last year plans for the trials were halted after a London

police inspector had his eyes

temporarily damaged during

a training session. Last week the officer told a police maga-zine that he felt the police

should approach using the

showed that such incidents could be avoided by proper training and aftercare. He

acknowledged that the solvent

used in sprays could cause eye

difficulties and skin blistering

but copious use of water

Mr Burden said every officer armed with the spray

would carry a card with

details of how to care for

somebody sprayed with CS.

Instructions would also go

with anyone taken to hospital

so that a casualty unit would

have the best advice on

☐ The chief constables' coun-

cil endorsed plans to

reorganise the regional crime

squads into a national squad

devoted to fighting organised

gence Service will remain a

The police will also cam-

paign for changes in the

Security Services Bill so that

when MI5 starts to work

on organised crime it will

be legally accountable and

police will be in overall

treatment.

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Mr Burden said research

spray with caution.

young women in virtually More than twice as many women as men aged 24 to 25

every area of social dev-

Increasing anxiety over attacks 'must outweigh' concern about effects on health

meet their own domestic responsibilities, including food shopping, washing up, clean-ing their rooms, making beds and washing clothes. "Males are less likely than their female counterparts to achieve the independence, responsibility and maturity associated with adulthood by the age of 25. They tend, even by the age of 24 to 25, to be dependent rather than independent, to have an absence of res-ponsibility for themselves and others and to remain with

The authors highlight the profound effects on the present generation of the delay in starting work. The study found that 27 per cent of men aged 22 to 25 were involved in

their family of origin rather than forming a family of their

same age group. Thirty-one per cent of men aged 22 to 25 were involved in general crime, excluding drug offences, compared with o 22, per cent of women of the same

One in two males and one in three females admitted to committing an offence at some time, while in 1992, the year study was carried out, one in four males and one in eight females had committed a crime. Three per cent of of-fenders accounted for approximately 25 per cent of all

Young women aged 14 to 17 are nearly as likely as males to be involved in offending, but as they mature their criminal

property crime compared with 3 per cent of women in the comparison to that of men The study found that drug The study found that drug use among young people is widespread: every other male and every third female admitted having used drugs at some

stage in the lives.

The peak age of offending by young people is 21 for males and 16 for females. The most common age for starting to offend is between 13 and 14.

The most common offences committed by young people are shoplifting and handling stolen goods and, for young males, fighting in a public

Young Asians are less likely to commit offences or use drugs than young whites and Afro-Caribbeans.

☐ Young People and Crime (Home Office)

### voice tape 'hindered inquiry'

NEWS IN BRIEF

Absence of

The absence of a £10,000 cockpit voice recorder hindered and prolonged investi-gations into the Mull of Kintyre helicopter disaster, Anthony Cable, a senior crash investigator, told the in-

quiry at Paisley. Strathclyde. Earlier, Mr Cable said that a study of the Chinook's navigation system showed it was working perfectly at the time of the crash and was being used correctly. Ten high-ranking RUC officers. nine Army intelligence experts six M15 experts and the four-man RAF crew died in the crash on June 2, 1994. The inquiry continues.

### Mother saves girl

A mother was seriously in-jured after pushing her daughter out of the path of a car and taking the full force of the collision. Sharon Lively. 30, from Barwell, Leicestershire, was getting off a bus with her daughter Amie, 6, who ran into the road outside her school

### Charge dropped

An arson charge against the An arson tearge against the stepdaughter of Tony New-ton, Leader of the Commons, has been withdrawn. Magis-trates at Braintree, Essex. were told there was insufficient evidence to proceed against Verity Gilthorpe, 20, whose council flat in the town was damaged by fire.

### Boy stole £4,500

A 12-year-old boy who snatched more than £4.500 from a filling station safe when his mother stopped to buy eigarettes was sent to secure accommodation for six months at Aberdeen Sheriff Court. He was found guilty at an earlier hearing of theft.

### Rail deaths

Two men died and the neck of a third was broken when a train hit their car at 50mph as they apparently tried to drive barrier on a level crossing at Bosham, West Sussex. The barrier was down and the red light was flashing when police arrived.

### Victim named

The body of a young woman found burning by the side of fied as Deborah Wood, 20, of Holbeck, West Yorkshire. Police are interviewing two men who were recorded by security cameras at a petrol station filling a fuel can shortly before her death.

### Phones rerouted

Emergency telephones on a 75-mile stretch of the M4 will work only intermittently for three weeks after a computer fault. Police have increased patrols to help at accidents and breakdowns between Swindon and Bridgwater. Engineers are replacing the old system.

### Organic fare

What is claimed to be Brit-ain's first wholly organic res-taurant opens tonight. All the meat, vegetables, and dairy products at The Fisherman's Hut in Twickenham, west London are produced without the use of intensive methods, chemical pesticides and medicines, or additives.

Jim Sharples, left, and Tony Burden, Chief Constables of Merseyside and Gwent respectively, with the spray

# THE OFFICER ON THE BEAT STEPS: INTO THE 21st CENTURY body armour CS gas spray Knifeproof Hand-held Long-handled baton computer

### Fighting crime in tomorrow's world

POLITICIANS and senior police are seeking new clothing and equipment to combat the attacks that injure about 18,000 officers a year and have killed 11 since 1990 (Stewart Tendler writes).

In 1829 the first police had a top hat reinforced with leather, a rattle to raise the alarm and a short truncheon. Today some are already protected by bulletproof vests and knifeproof gloves, and in the 215 century they may be equipped with a hand-held computer.

Chief constables are studying new styles of clothing to replace the serge tunic, such as a blouson-style top. The traditional helmet was abandoned in Scotland long ago and England and Wales may

patrol some areas of the North East, Scotland Yard is about to start trials of a lightweight bulletproof and knifeproof vest under clothing. There are gloves, resembling chairmail, which can grasp a blade without injury.
The traditional truncheon is

wear bulletproof vests to

being replaced by long batons, including a 26in telescopic version, developed from mancuffs with a rigid bar between the cuffs allow officers to keep better control of prisoners. Radios with a panic button are also being issued.

adopt the peaked cap. Officers

Police are developing a radio network with hand-held computers to send messages and provide information on

# Football makes big pitch for women fans

separate entity.

chairman of a chief constables" committee on police self-detence policy, said police accepted there were health maceutical drug. This has concerns about the spray but

> By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent WOMEN football supporters

The campaign, which is supported by Terry Venables, the England coach, has used

Ms Park, a Stockport County supporter, said: "I loved the idea of the campaign from the start. It positions women in a more serious way. There are too many of my friends who

match because they think it is more of a man's thing. The of the myths was great."

to see football than going on holiday? I don't believe it. He said." The third reads: "I fancy the Italians because in Ravanelli and Zola you have a proven strike force working in

The publicity campaign is trying to build on the number of women who watch football. A survey at the start of the season found that women make up 12 per cent of the spectators at Premiership



Seeing is believing: one

biggest sports event in Britain since the 1966 World Cup. have already sold to the domestic market 440,000 of the 1.3 million seats, with only a England's games. The Foot-

ball Association wants to ensure that all the other matches in the 23-day tournament are

"More women are going to football. All-seater stadiums make going to the ground more fun and exciting for women. Women who go to matches are no longer there because they have been dragged along by their boy-friends. They are there because they want to be. And it is women who bring the families along so, the more women we get to games, the

more families we get."
David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said: Much has been written about bringing families back to football. Families never went to

football, only fathers and sons. so women have to be a target to broaden our audience."

The 31-game champion-ship, which will be televised in 130 countries, is already assured of being more profitable than any sports event staged in Britain. The television rights have been sold to the European Broadcasting Union for £44 million and the primary sponsorship and television rights for the rest of the world for £24.4 million.

### NatWest **Business Accounts**

National Westminster Bank announces the following interest rates, effective from 19 January 1996

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are being encouraged to go to European championship games in England this summer with a series of advertisements in women's magazines.

three women football fans rather than models. Ailsa Park, 21, a distant relative of Sir Bobby and Jack Charlton, is pictured with the words: "How can I lie back and think of England when Venables has not finalised the squad?"

are put off going to watch a

ALL the larger supermarkets, in England and Wales as well

as Scotland, will be offering haggis this weekend, ready for

Burns Night next Thursday.
At Waitrose a 450g
prepacked haggis (£1.99) is

available throughout the year, but orders for 3lb (£5.95) and

51b (£9.85) versions are being

accepted at delicatessen counters until Monday. Safeway offers a Hall's lib

haggis (normally £1.25) free with every purchase of Grant's whisky at £11.19. Oth-

er chains are offering their own-label versions or haggis

manufactured by the major

suppliers such as MacSweens of Edinburgh.

The "Great chieftain o' the

puddin'-race", as Burns

termed it, is a rich mixture of

sheep's heart, liver suet, oat-

meal and onions, and should

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front of a fluid 4+2 formation.

Organisers of the lo-nation European championship, the



# Supermarkets salute Burns Night

tatties" (mashed potatoes) and "bashed neeps" (mashed swede), ideally accompanied with a glass of malt whisky. Promotions include:

Asda: fresh lamb shoulder £3.05 a kg; new potatoes 98p for 2.5kg; oranges 19p each or 85p for seven: bloomer bread 49p for 800g; egg custard tarts 59p for three. Budgens: fresh chicken leg portions £1.69 a kg; chicken and mushroom pie 79p for 400g: cherry tomatoes 89p for

Co-op: fresh pork shoulder £2.09 a kg: natural low-fat fromage frais 93p for 500g: oranges 99p for seven. Harrods: purk pies £2 each; fresh cooked lubsters 59 each, El7 for two or £30 for four. Iceland: breaded haddock fil-

WEEKEND SHOPPING let £1.99 for 600g; boned kippers £1.49 for 680g; lemon chicken £2.29 for 454g; Matthews beef roast E3.19 for 567g; treacle tart E1.19 for 360g. Marks & Spencer: chicken

£4.99 for 750g: reduced-fat cod with creamy vegetables £2.49 for 465g: reduced-fat pork fillet in mustard sauce £3.49 for 390g; baby new potatoes £1.49 Morrison's: plaice fillet £7.47

a kg; whole mackerel £1.74; fresh mussels 99p a kg; fresh chicken, sizes 1-4, £1.30 a kg; Sunflower margarine 85p a

Safeway: rump steak £6.99 a kg; half leg of lamb (knuckle/fillet) £5.89 a kg; chicken breast fillets with skin El.49 a kg: British baked ham

59p a 4 lb; loose clementines 46p a lb; white bloomer bread 5p for 800g. Sainsbury's: frozen large 1.8kg to 2kg chickens, £1.85 each; wafer-thin smoked ham 99p

for 200g; small new potatoes 66p a kg; loose tomatoes 34p a lb; comice pears 39p a lb. Somerfield: fresh British pork shoulder roast £2.18 a kg; Class A fresh chicken breast fillets with skin £3,34 for 620g; mixed peppers 89p pack. Tesco: braising steak £3.89 a kg: leg of pork bone in £2.89 a kg; half leg of lamb £5.19 a kg; smoked haddock fillet £2.47 a lb; salmon chops E3.45 a lb. Waitrose: chicken casserole with leeks £3.49 for 900g: Romano potatoes £1.39 for 2.5kg; sweet potatoes 65p a lb; avocado pears 25p each; plum tomatoes 69p a lb.

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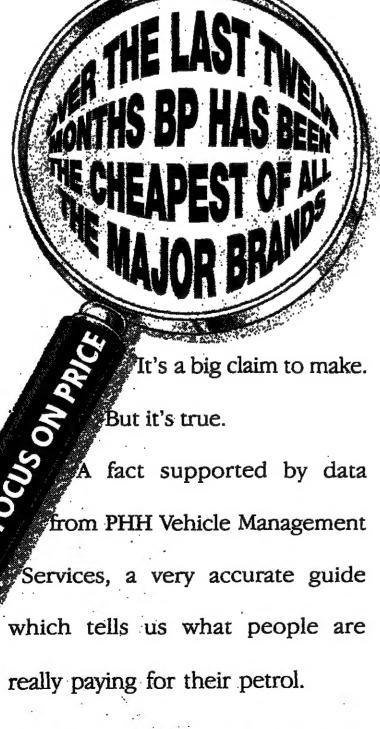
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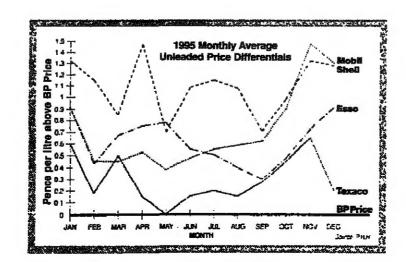


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Major's aides invoke store chief's support

# Tories pour scorn on Blair's bid to champion business

TORY officials challenged Tony Blair's attempts last night to champion Marks & Spencer in his crusade on behalf of a "stakeholder economy" in which everyone can take part.

The Labour leader named the store chain as an example

of his big idea in action. But the gloss was taken off his remarks when it was pointed out that Sir Richard Greenbury, the company's chairman had spoken out in support of the Prime Minister's approach to business.

Mr Blair told a public meeting in Derby: "Business leaders recognise that what new Labour is saying fits exactly with current thinking in industry. Some of our great companies call themselves stakeholder firms - John Lewis, Rover, Marks & Spencer. BP."

But Central Office aides cited a letter written by Sir Richard and other business chiefs to a national newspaper on January 1. It said that the Prime Minister's policies had brought benefits to business and industry and described Britain as a "great industrial

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force". The letter added: "Despite his detractors, John Major has won the respect of the determination to put our nation first. We businessmen who, with others, are leading the drive to keep Britain the enterprise centre of Europe agree with the policies of John

Major."
In his speech Mr Blair hit back at the Tory attempt to portray his "big idea" as a smokescreen for a return to the days of trade union power. The stakeholder economy is the key to preparing our people and business for vast economic and technological change." he said. "It is not about giving power to corporations or unions or interest

groups. It is about giving power to you, the individual.

"It is about giving you the chances that help you to get on and so help Britain to get on too: a job, a skill, a home, an opportunity - a stake in the success that we all want for

"We will fight for that stake. Working with you, in partner-

for the majority, the many."
Mr Blair said that business experts advised that competifrom a stakeholder approach. "The great lesson they draw from their research is that companies that treat their workers as partners are the ones that succeed. The same goes for a country."

Mr Blair's speech came against a barrage of attacks from senior Tories led by the Prime Minister in the Commons. Mr Major said that the only stakeholders under Labour would be union chiefs such as John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, and laborated general secretary of the State of the Sta John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union.

The Prime Minister will return to this theme today in a speech to the Institute of Directors in which he will extol his vision of Britain as the "enterprise centre of Europe" — his slogan endorsed by the Marks & Spen-

Peter Lilley, the Social Sec-urity Secretary, joined the fray



and private pension funds. He cited Mr Blair's interest in Singapore's central provident fund - under which the Government manages compulsory contributions by

sion funds.

"Labour argue that the City is a poor investor of pension funds, so the State and the social partners should redirect

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Singapore CPF explodes this thesis. Since 1980, the Singapore scheme has yielded just 2 per cent more than inflation. By contrast the portuoned UK pension schemes over a similar period have yielded 9.6 per cent more than inflation."

### Rumours reveal dismal state of party's morale

ohn Major will almost certainly lead the Tories into the next election. Any other option would be even more suicidal than the party's behaviour over the past three years. But that is almost beside the point. The latest rumours about backbench plotting against Mr Major matter not because he is likely to be ousted but because of what they reveal about the

state of the Tory party.
The morale of Tory MPs is dire. Hardly anyone talks about victory. The only ques-tion is the scale of defeat. That is not new. What is depressing MPs is that the new year has arrived and there is barely a glimmer of an improvement. Mr Major's leadership coup, the party conference, the taxcutting Budget, interest rate cuts: all were supposed to have marked a new beginning. But the party's troubles continue: Emma Nicholson's defection, the fuss over Baroness Thatcher's speech, no pick-up in the Tories' poll ratings, etc.

The predominant reaction is fatalistic we are going to lose and there is not much we can do about it. So the only thing is to fight the good fight, hope that Labour trips up, and pray for rising living standards and another round of tax cuts in November to narrow the gap. There is, of course, a world of difference for individual MPs between losing by a whisker and a landslide, as Labour can readily testify after ending up with only 209 MPs in 1983.

The question is rather whether anything, or anyone, can affect the outcome. Some on the ideological Right saw last summer's contest as the last chance in this Parliament to make a change. They would welcome a period in opposition to regroup, and would be content for Mr Major to take the blame for defeat, allowing their unblemished champion

to ride to the rescue. However, hopes of a miracle are still entertained by some traditional Tories on the centre-right who used to be regarded as the squirearchy and are now widely, if not quite accurately, described as grandees since few are grand either in estates or in style.

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They are less relaxed by the prospect of defeat and are looking round for some dramatic leadership initiative.

There are three obvious snags: first, any replacement would be messy; second, there is no agreed successor: and, third, Mr Major is not about to resign. The idea that Mr Major can be persuaded to step down after dreadful Tory results in the May local elections and then succeeded smoothly, and without a con-test, is nonsense. Any change would be far from bloodless and could do fatal damage to the Tories so near an election. Moreover, some MPs who

have again been muttering about the leadership were among those most hostile last summer to Michael Heseltine. Yet he is the only possible short-term successor to Mr Major in the type of palace revolution now being can-vassed. So the plotters would get the man they opposed then. Mr Heseltine has been scrupulously loyal to Major and, anyway, now looks even more the elder statesman than the hungry politician eager for

r Major is also a determined fighter determined fighter and an adept party manager — as shown, for example, when he tied in Mr Heseltine before he called the leadership contest. He displayed these skills again yesterday when he pushed through the Cabinet, at the last minute, a proposal to publish away the Paper on the inter-powernmental conferinter-governmental conference, despite Foreign Office statements to the contrary even on Wednesday. This looks more a symbol than a shift of substance to nail down the Government's negotiating position as the Tory sceptics have been seeking. But they saw it as a conciliatory gesture. Mr Major should survive, though there must be a slim chance that he may give up in despair at his party.

PETER RIDDELL



By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

SUPPORTERS of the campaign to scrap Greenwich Mean Time may offer their opponents a compromise before today's vote in the

Commons. They suggest that Britain could have an extra hour of evening light during a fiveyear trial. The change would become permanent only if expected benefits, such as fewer road accidents, were realised. The Tory MP John Butterfill, who is sponsoring the British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill, said that a compromise might be offered if it was seen as the only way pushing

the change through.

But Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is deter-mined to stifle the backbench Bill. "Until this thing is dead and buried, I am not going to stop kicking it," he said.

Mr Forsyth is adamant that the Bill, which would mean Ham winter dawns in Shet-land, will benefit only southerners with later dusks and international businesses. which would be on the same time as the rest of Europe. He has told colleagues that for Scottish Tories it would be a greater electoral disaster than

the poll tax. The Bill has the backing of more than 200 southern MPs, 150 peers, almost 75 per cent of members, several Scottish Labour MPs and, according to a recent poll, 72 per cent of British voters. Mr Forsyth has told the

government payroll, about 130

Tory MPs, to abstain although 40 have pledged their support and the Home Office, the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry have also given their tacit approval. Mr Butterfill, MP Bournemouth West, has had 1.000 letters of support from Scotland. He said: "I hope he will have this on his conscience if more Scottish children and pensioners are killed because of his response."

### Daylight | Commons reformers watchdog closes loophole

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Commons watchdog on standards closed a loophole in the rules on MPs' business interests yesterday when he cleared a former Tory minister of wrongdoing.

Sir Gordon Downey, make ing his first report, decided that Patrick Nicholls had not been in breach of the rules when he tabled questions last year for a company that had offered to make him a shareholder. But he said that under the new rules MPs would not be allowed to do unpaid parliamentary work for cli-ents in expectation of securing reward "related to future

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Mr Nicholls, a former Tory party vice-chairman, tabled more than 20 questions in March last year on behalf of World Water Supplies. Two weeks later be arranged to accept a 5 per cent shareholding to take effect

after a year. He said that the shareholding related to future activities and that he had acted within the rules because he would never be paid for tabling the questions.

Under rules introduced in November, MPs are barred from paid advocacy, such as making speeches, tabling questions or leading delega-tions on behalf of an outside client. Work carried out in expectation of a reward is referred to in the new rules, and Sir Gordon emphasised that a promise of future opportunities to earn would be seen in the same light.

Mr Nicholls said that he was entirely blameless and that there had never been any doubt that he would be cleared. He accused the Labour leader. Tony Blair, and his deputy. John Prescott, of trying to wreck his career by bringing the complaint

Mr Prescott said that Mr Nicholls had been "technical-

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on the Army.
In the Lords: debate on the tuture of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, including safeguards on the printing

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill; Weste European Time Bill. The House of Lords is not sitting.



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### OVERSEAS NEWS 11

# Court blocks sale of doctor's book on Mitterrand 'lies'

POLICE last night questioned François Mitterrand's longtime personal doctor after a court banned a book in which he alleged that the late President had lied about cancer for

The Paris police chief's of-fice announced it had begun a preliminary investigation ordered by the public prosecu-tor over an alleged breach of professional secrecy by Dr Claude Gubier in his book, Le Grand Secret, The court barred publication of the book, which alleges that the former President, who died last week, imposed a reign of

lies" to hide his disease. The rare legal decision to stop the publishers, Editions after a request from Danielle Mitterrand, the former President's widow, their two sons, Jean-Christophe and Gilbert. and Mazarine Pingeot. Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter. It is more usual in such cases for passages to be cut or warning text added. Jacqueline Cochard, president of the Paris high court, ordered a fine of Frt,000 (£135) for every copy distributed.

in his book, Dr Gubler reveals that the former President was diagnosed with prostate cancer six months after his election for his first sevenyear term. Despite promising complete transparency" about his health during his 1981 political campaign, Mit-terrand did not reveal his cancer until September 1992.

Dr Gubler also claims that. in the final months of his presidency, Mitterrand was too ill to work, an allegation which has been diamined by the former President's collengues. Politicians and mudical colleagues have condemned the doctor's book as a gross violation of medical ethics. Mme Cochard said that Dr Gubler's revelations conparticularly serious intrusion into the intimacy of their private family life — an attack which was made more intolerable by the fact that the book was sold a few days after the death and burial of President Mitterrand<sup>a</sup>.

made an estimated Fr54 million if the book had sold the 500,000 copies hoped for by the publishers, pleas to appeal against the court's decision. Bernard Cahen, his lawyer. said that the freedom of opinion which supposes that each French person may know the state of health of the Chief of State" appeared more impor-tant to him than the protection of the privacy laws. He denied that his client had been ques-

tioned by police.
Forty thousand copies of the book were printed and appeared on the shelves on Wednesday. Bookshops reported they were sold out within two hours.



A Palestinian huris a snowball near an election poster in Ramaliah after parts of Israel and the West Bank suffered a rare fall yesterday. Tel Aviv had floods

### Arafat aides fear assassination as campaign ends

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUCHO

CAMPAIGNING in the first their schedules. Journalists Pulestinian general election attending the PLO leader's main election press conference death threats against the cer-tain winner. Yazzir Arafat, have become so serious that visitors to his offices in the autonomous Jericho and Gaza City are barred from taking in mobile phones for fear they

Israeli army sources said that Islamic militants, who will boycott tomorrow's poil in between Israel and the Pelestine Liberation Organisation, had threatened to assessinate Jimmy Carter, the former US President. He is the most prominent figure among more than 1,000 foreign observers. The election will decide the presidency and the 88 mem-bers of a de facto Palentnian

parliament.

Mattics Burchard, a spokesman for the European Union,
said an initial plan to have the European team of 350 observers presided over by Baroness Thricher and Jacques Delons had been abandoned because

here had their phones confis-cated by members of Mr Arafar's protection unit. So did a senior official of the EU. which has financed the poll with £26 million. "We cannot risk another assassination like that of Yehle Ayyash on January 5," we were told.

Ayyash, the master bomb maker known as The Engimobile phone, booby-trapped by the Israelis, was detonated

PLO officials fear that, with Mr Arafat about to receive legitimacy from the ballot box. right-wing Jewish settlers, renegade members of the Is-raeli secret services, or Muslim fanatics might try to

ensure he meets the same late.

Mr Araint is expected to
win at least 80 per cent of the vote for the presidency. His opponent is Samiha Khalil, 72. an Arab woman whose meetings have often attracted only

# bombing stirs fears

BAHRAINI officials confirmed yesterday that a blast which shook the luxmy Le Royal Meridien hotel on Wednesday evening was caused by a bomb. The explosion raises new fears of a fresh wave of violence in the

In recent weeks police have used rubber bullets and trangas to quell demonstrations by Shin opposition groups demanding greater rights and a return to the suspended 1975 constitution. About 13 people and three police were killed in Deszmber 1994 riots.

Last week Sheikh Muhammad bin Muborak al-Khalifa, the Foreign Minister, urged Britain not to grant asylum to three disaldent sheikhs who fied to Britain from Iran last year. His talks with Foreign Office officials raised fears imong opposition groups that Britain will come under pressure from Babrain over sidents, as it has from Saudi Arabia over Muham-

The European Parliament yesterday condemned Britain's proposed deportation of Dr Masari to Dominica, say nd deportation of ing it was "deeply disturbed" at the increasing violation of basic human rights in Saudi Arabia.

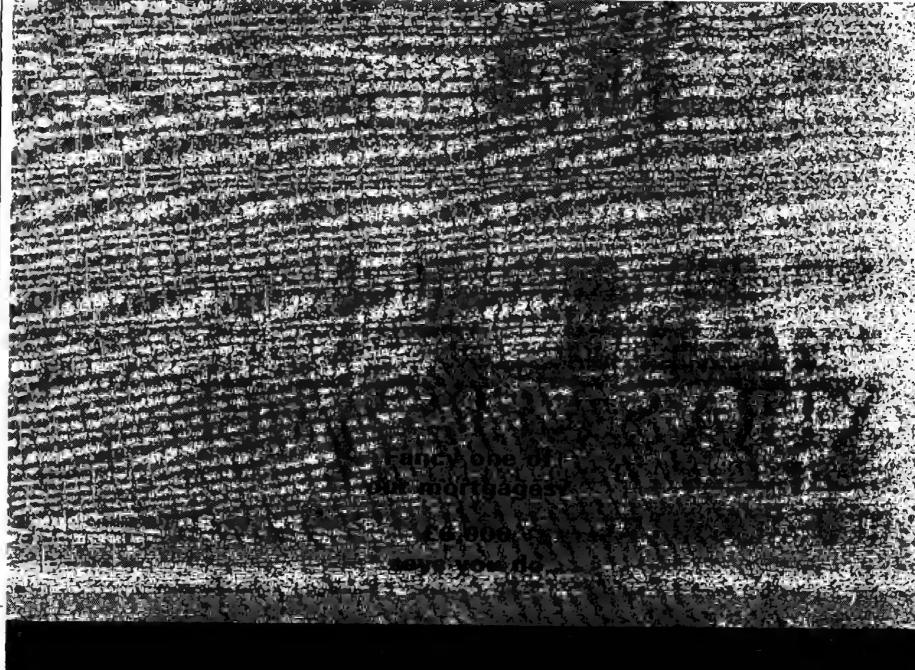
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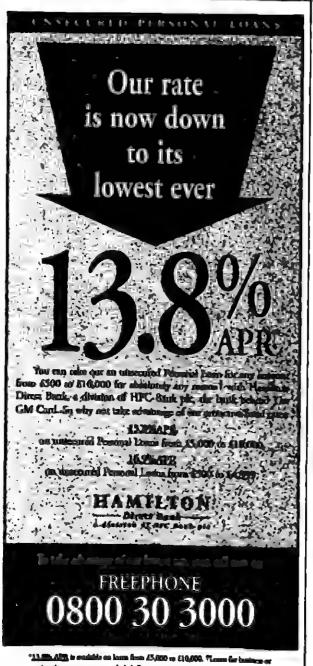
AS 14,000 demoustrators marched through Marseilles marched through Marselles yesterday to protest against the Government's welfare policy, Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, arrived in the southern city to announce his anxiously awaited plan to bring jobs and financial aid to 700 of the country's most deprived housing estates.

The proposal was originally

The proposal was originally touted by President Chicae during his election campaign as a veritable Marshall Plan. sures, representing Fr5 billion (£675 million) a year, designed to create local businesses, provide more jobs and fight the souring crime rate. To combat unemployment - in some areas as high as 60 per cent — M. Juppe promised that 100,000 new jobs for 18 to 25-year-olds would be created in the next four years, to be financed 55 per cent by the

Although Martine Aubry. the former Socialist Employ-ment Minister, conceded that "some good ideas", she said it did not meet the needs of the suburbs. She said: "We are a long way from a Marshell Plan ... the Government obviously has not realised the enormity and the gravity of the situation."



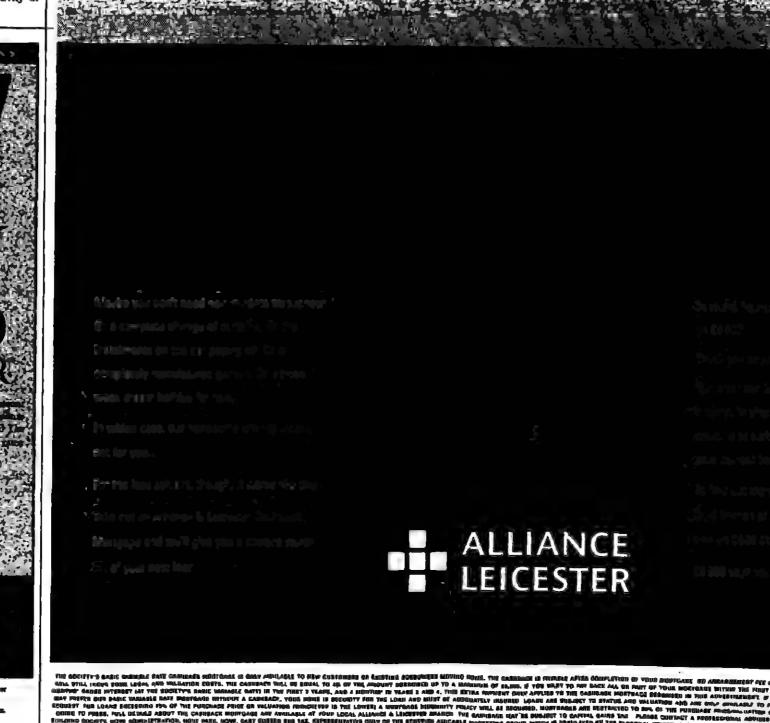


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# Budget becomes key battleground for US election

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE budget impasse in reputation of the US Government among its people, yesterday emerged as the central issue for the year in which America chooses its new President.

After a planned week-long gap in negotiation, Republi-can leaders have cancelled talks with Democratic opponents until President Clinton prepared to produce a balanced budget proposal acceptable to Capitol Hill.

The White House, accusing congressional leaders of widening demands, is uncertain privately that either side can engineer a deal this year, and has left the rest of Washington, and indeed America, convinced the budget will become the main battleground of November's presidential election.

No longer merely a question of spending figures for contested policies over healthcare programmes such as Medicare and Medicaid, as the White House would prefer, the budget has become a fight

for the country's leadership. Mr Clinton, attempting to make political capital from the recent impasse, said

yesterday both sides had already agreed \$600 billion (£392 billion) in savings, easily enough to balance the budget.

Listing policy differences over Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment - areas of most appeal to middle-class America - Mr Clinton said he "had gone the extra mile in good faith" to achieve a deal.

"It is wrong for us to defer this because of disagreements which are not necessary for balancing the budget and bringing modest tax cuts." he said. "I would say to those Republicans in Congress that my door is open, it will stay open. I am committed to work with them until the job is Robert Dole, the Senate

majority leader, immediately dismissed Mr Clinton's mile as a "very short one" and said the President's budget was a "spend now, save later programme". He added: "What the American people do not want is for us to go to the White House and make a bad deal, we'll take it to the voters before we do that. We are prepared to meet on Sunday, but only if there is something

to meet about." Despite the impasse, both sides publicly are clinging to the notion of a budget deal for fear of unsettling the financial markets in Wall Street, and said there may be further "telephone"

The Republicans have made it clear they will not return to the table until the White House offers new proposals to bridge the policy gulf. The budget debate is not an exer-cise in arithmetic; it requires critical policy decisions," Mr Dole, Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Dick Armey, the House majority leader, wrote to Mr Clinton. Both sides have yet to establish how they will avert a third partial government shutdown when the present temporary spending measure, keeping

various departments open, ex-pires a week today. A further confrontation looms over the Republican refusal to lift the \$4.9 trillion federal debt ceiling and allow the Treasury to borrow to finance its spending, Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary, has said the Administration will run out of money by mid-February unless a middle



Robert Dole and Newt Gingrich, the Republican leaders, at a Capitol Hill news conference on tax reform plans

ground can be found. With few signs of movement, the heated debate is likely to provide a partisan setting for Mr Clinton's State of the Union message to Congress next Tuesday. It has compli-

cated his own attempts to create a budget proposal for the 1997 fiscal year, due early next month.

In walking out of the talks, the Republicans may pay a price. Some Republicans are

concerned that whether there is a deal or not, Mr Clinton can argue during the poll campaign that, after 12 years of rising deficits, he has cut them in half with barely a

olan has also been accepted by the Republican-controlled Congressional Budget Office, and the White House is talking of labelling the right-wing majority on Capitol Hill as a

### Plane kills shoppers in Indonesia

Jakarta: Fifteen people, including at least two children. were killed when a government-owned trainer plane crashed into a clothing shop in Indonesia's scenic mountain city of Bandung yesterday, state-run TVRI television reported.

Four of those who died were aboard the twin-propeller Beechcraft Baron, which exploded when it crashed soon after take-off in a city street crowded with vendors, shoppers and pedicabs. Four shops, motorcycles and pedicabs, were destroyed. An official at Bandung's Husein Sastranegara airport said the plane had apparently developed engine trouble. (Reuter)

### Son of Abacha dies in air crash

Lagos: The son of Nigeria's military ruler, General Sani Abacha, and 13 others were killed when their private jet crashed in Kano. Ibrahim Sani Abacha, 34, was travelling on Wednesday night with presidential security guards who were going to the north-ern city as an advance party before a visit by the general. The pilot had reported engine problems. An unknown group, the United Front for Nigeria's Liberation, yesterday claimed responsibility for the crash. (AP. Reuter)

### **Editor walks out** on Kennedy

New York: John F. Kennedy Jnr. son of the former President, has hit trouble with his magazine, George, on the eve of issue number three, editor Eric Etheridge walked out citing "editorial differences" with Mr Kennedy (Quentin Letts writes). Mr Kennedy is expected to become editor -George has helped him to portray himself as a highbrow man of influence rather than the feckless son of an assassinated President.

### Lesotho throne given to son

Maseru, Lesotho: King Mo-shoeshoe II of Lesotho's eldest son will succeed him after the monarch's death in a car crash on Monday, the college of chiefs decided. Crown Prince David Mohato Bereng Seeiso, for four years until abdicating in 1994 in favour of his exiled father. No coronation date has

### Cabinet snub to **Islamic Turks**

Ankara: Mesut Yllmaz, Turkey's Motherland Party leader, has rejected an offer by the Islamic Welfare Party, which came first in last month's election, to form a coalition. This paves the way for him to set up a government with Tansu Ciller, the caretaker Prime Minister. (Reuter)

### Pizza to go

Calgary: Rabbi Allen Saks so fancied a kosher pizza that he ordered 80 slices of it from a New York restaurant, 2,485 miles away. It was delivered to Canada within 24 hours, at a cost of £200. (Reuter)

### Blind sheikh jailed for life over American 'jihad'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

**BLIND** Muslim fundamentalist cleric, spitting angry words about "infidel America", yesterday began a life sentence in prison. Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman was given the maxi-mum penalty for leading a "jihad" against the United States.

The trial and sentencing of Abdel-Rahman and nine followers sent a shiver down Manhattan's spine. Islamic fundamentalism, for many Americans once a problem in foreign

lands, was uncomfortably close to home. New York was on security alert yesterday, anticipating trouble from the Egyptian-born cierie's supporters.

Police, who had deployed armoured vehicles and sniffer dogs outside the court, urged people to remain vigilant and report suspicious packages. A New York police chief directive asked private security firms to assist the security operation, New York airports were on alert level three — the highest is four — and the port authority and prominent public buildings were given security advice. Manhattan's federal

building officials, mindful of last year's Oklahoma City bombing, increased their vigilance.

Abdel-Rahman, 57, prematurely el-derly and in Middle Eastern clothes, was defiant before being sentenced. The defendants were permitted to address the court for 30 minutes, or an hour if using an interpreter. Abdel-Rahman, wielding a thick pile of Braille papers, spoke for more than 90 minutes, attacking America for "waging a war against Islam".

His co-conspirators, found guilty of plotting to bomb the United Nations,

the FBI, and other Manhattan land-marks, received sentences of 25 years to life. They were also linked to a plan to

kill President Mubarak of Egypt. The men apparently hoped their activities would force Washington to alter its Middle East policies.

Cairo: Faten, 38, the younger of Abdel-Rahman's two wives, said she, Aisha, 49, and their eight children had received the news calmly. "There has been no proof to incriminate him, but Sheikh Omar is one of the great figureheads of Islam and this is a war against Islam." (Reuter)

An artist's sketch of Sheikh Abdel-Rahman, left, before Judge Michael Mukasey yesterday

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### Clintons accused of hiding documents

BY TOM RHODES

REPUBLICANS yesterday accused the Clintons of hiding sensitive Whitewater documents after an aide testified found Hillary Clinton's law firm records in the guest quarters of the White House. worked for the Rose Law Firm

Carolyn Huber, who had in Arkansas before joining the White House, told the Senate Whitewater committee vesterday that she had been in the habit of going to the "book room" every two or three days.

In August, she discovered the records. They appeared there, I don't think I would have missed them," said Ms Huber, who was asked whether she believed somebody had left them deliberately. "Someone did," she said. Access to that part of the White House, next to the First Lady's office. was restricted to the President and Mrs Clinton, their house

guests and a handful of staff. Mrs Clinton came under attack from Republicans who suggested that the Clintons may have hidden the documents despite subpoenas re-

TV host

Donahue

bows out New York: Phil Donahue, one of America's leading talk show hosts, has retired from

television after 30 years (Quentin Letts writes). His decision, partly explained by falling audience figures.

comes after political attacks on daytime TV standards by

Mr Donahue, 60, was the

grandlather" of the audi-

ence-participation chat show, a genre which in recent months has stooped to sensa-

tionalistic and vulgar topics of

debate. Empower Anmerica,

a right-wing pressure group, campaigned for an end to the

daytime discussion of teenage sex, family strife and com-

munity violence and urged

advertisers to withdraw financial support from some

Mr Donahue's show was

mild by comparison with some of its imitators, but he

may have paid the price for

pioneering a form of pro-gramme which has become so

Mr Donahue was not avail-

able for comment, but was said to be "very emotional" about the end of his show.

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leading Republicans.

quiring they divulge all information relating to the failed land deal in Arkansas. Calling for both Clintons to be brought before the commit-

tee, Senator Lauch Faircloth, of North Carolina, said Congress would "very likely have very serious case of obstruction of justice". The White House had maintained that it could not find the

documents, which describe Mrs Clinton's legal work at the Rose Law Firm for Madison Guaranty, the failed bank at the centre of the scandal. Ms Huber placed the mem-orandums in a box and forgot them until she reopened the box this month. She then

recognised their importance. In a further sign of Mrs Clinton's diminishing popularity, she was accused of not signing her name during a promotional tour for her book about children.

Howard Stern, the radio talk show host, said she had insulted her fans by using an automatic signature machine to autograph It Takes a Village.

# Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 6.50 per cent to 6.25 per cent p.a. with effect from Thursday 18 January 1996.

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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

# Eurofighter gets go-ahead after argument ends

INDUSTRULL CORRESPONDENT

THE programme to build 230

year-long wrangle over the manu-facturing work share, The high-agility aircraft, which is expected to outperform every fighter in the world except the American F22 now under development, is expected to enter squadron service in 2002, replacing the RAFs air

including most companies involved in acrospace, will earn about \$10 billion - some El billion more than expected - from work on the aircraft. The biggest beneficiary will be British Aerospace, which will build the planes at its Warton plant in Lancashire. Rolls-Royce is likely to emerge as lead-partner in the

Originally Britain and Germany were each to buy 250 aircraft in exchange for a one-third share of the

planes, and Spain, which plans to After the Berlin Wall collapsed,

Germany decided to buy just 140

Under the terms of the contract, it ment. Under an outline deal, Britwoold be properly entitled to less ain's share of the £50 billion than a quarter of the programme. Britain refused to allow the Germans so much of the work, arguing that it would result in British jobs going abroad and increase the costs

ain's Defence Procurement Minister, and Jorg Schonbohm, his German counterpart, agreed that the increase in German purchases could form the basis for an agreeproduction work will rise to 37 per cent or 35 per cent, while Germany's will shrink to 30 per cent. The remainder will go to the other partners, as planned. Officials have been asked to iron out the details so

In a joint statement, Mr Arbuthno: and Herr Schonbohm said they "agreed that this resolved the issues of production work share subject to the settlement of some details by officials of the four nations, and will provide a firm basis for planning by industry".

A pre-production prototype Eurofighter was displayed at the Paris Air Show last June, but the aircraft has yet to be put through its paces in front of a crowd.

With a speed of more than 1,500 miles an hour and a cost less than half that of the F22, both BAe and the Ministry of Defence hope it will find export sales in sophisticated defence markets such as Saudi

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### Outlook fair

Business confidence and orders are stabilising, and industry is set for reasonable trading in 1996, leaders of Britain's chambers of commerce said yesterday. The findings of the latest quarterly trends survey from the British Chambers of Commerce support the idea that the current slowdown is a pause in the UK's economic growth.

Blue skies

IBM turned in its best performance for more than a decade, exceeding Wall Street's highest estimates and confirming that the computer company's recovery is back on track. Page 25

# FRIDAY JANUARY 19 1996

Eurofighter aircraft for the Royal Air Force is set to begin this summer after Britain and Germany settled a

four-nation engine programme.

The breakthrough came after
Volke Ruhe, the German Defence Minister, announced that Germany would buy an additional 40 aircraft.

BY JANET BUSH

ECONOMICS

CORRESPONDENT

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The remaining third was to be split between Italy, which wants 187

Eurofighters in order to reduce defence spending. German ministers insisted that Germany retain its 33 per cent work share to help the ailing German aerospace industry.

of the planes.

During a meeting in London yesterday James Arbuthnot. Brit-

that a final agreement can be signed

in mid-summer.

City welcomes rate cut Forte tries to sell two

By Eric Reguly

top hotels

FORTE, in an effort to raise cash and prove that it is not wedded to "trophy" assets, has secretly been trying to find buyers for two luxury hotels in London since Granada launched its hostile bid for the company in November. The sale of one of them could be announced shortly if Forte retains its independence.

The hotels are thought to be the Grosvenor House and the Hyde Park, which are part of the Exclusive chain. Hotel experts are not surprised that Forte has had trouble selling. Alex Kyriakidis, head of the hotel group at the Arthur Andersen consultancy, said: There is a problem with too much supply."

He notes that the Langham

Hilton in London has been on the market for about £100 several months and that the Britannia Inter-Continental is now up for auction. The Howard Hotel, owned by the Barciay brothers, is thought to be for sale. Granada has said it would

sell the Exclusive hotels along with the Meridien chain if its £3.8 billion bid, which closes

on Tuesday, succeeds.

Forte said yesterday that
Granada's decision to sell the Meridien "could seriously damage the value" of the 85hotel chain. It said that many owners could terminate the management contracts under change of ownership clauses.

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### Caradon inquiry launched by DTI

THE DTI has launched an insider trading investiga-tion into dealings in the shares of Caradon, the building materials com-pany, before the announcement of its interim results last September.

The move follows an inquiry by the Stock Exchange into the unusually heavy trading and sharp fall in price of Caradon shares on September 8. The Exchange has now passed on its findings to

The Stock Exchange investigation is understood to have centred on conversations between two build-Fleming, the merchant bank, and Tony Knox, the chairman of Financial Dynamics, the public relations company which represents Caradon. On the same day, Robert Flem-ing Asset Management, the bank's fund management arm, sold a block of

ten million shares. Yesterday, it emerged that David Reed and Martin Murch, the two analysts, had left the bank and were now acting as consultants. Fleming launched its own inquiry into the affair, but has refused to comment on its findings.

The DTI's involvement will cause further embarrassment to Financial Dynamics which was severely rebuked by the Takeover Panel for a leak of information about another company in December. The company has vigorously denied that it leaked any price-sensitive information

The Stock Exchange first launched an investigation into trading in Caradon shares in September after the share price tumbled from 221p from 210p on unusually heavy trading. Accurate forecasts of Caradon's results also appeared in the Sunday press and the company had to bring forward its results announcement to the Monday. The Exchange concluded at the time there

Was no case to answer. The investigation was revived on December 12 after new evidence came to light. On the same day, Financial Dynamics was reprimanded by the Takeover Panel for leaking price-sensitive information to a broker on Amec, the construction company, which was then embroiled in a takeover battle. Financial Dynamics was subsequently replaced by Dewe Rogerson as Amec's advisers.



Kenneth Clarke yesterday, after the bank rate had been cut by a quarter of a point to 6.25 per cent

erally favourable, although there was some nervousness about timing. Some argued that it came too soon after the quarter-point cut in base rates in December and smacked of

of the rate cut, after leading mortgage lenders yesterday signalled that they would not political desperation. Roger Bootle, chief econoower their home loan rates mist at Midland Bank, said: after they had already moved "The authorities need to go a late last year. Normally, borrowers could expect to see lot further in the coming months. The world economy is their monthly outgoings reduced by about £4 on a slipping away and there is a significant danger of recession £30,000 repayment loan and on a global scale."

E7.24 on a E50,000 mortgage. Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-Economists, too, were gencellor, said in a statement after

the rate cut was announced that the marked slowdown in Britain's key export markets has been a factor in his decision. And slow world growth is expected to figure at the meeting of the Group of

Seven in Paris this weekend. There was some concern yesterday that the decision had been taken in spite of a rise in headline inflation to 3.2 per cent in December, compared with 3.1 per cent in November. The Central Statistical Office said that just over half of this rise was due to

Budget changes. Although more prices rises on tobacco are expected to be passed on to petrol price rise is likely to be reversed because of the price war between main

companies. However, economists said that yesterday's retail prices figures were still slightly dis-appointing with most expecting a small fall in both the headline and underlying rates. There were also significant upward effects from price rises for household goods and

non-seasonal food. The message from yesterday's retail sales figures was also mixed. Volumes rose by only 0.4 per cent in December. However, sales in October and November were revised upwards and the underlying trend of consumer spending appears to be picking up. Against a year ago, sales were up 1.7 per cent. The equivalent year-on-year rate in October was 0.4 per

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# UniChem to buy Lloyds for £547m

By Sarah Cunningham

UNICHEM has agreed a bid for Lloyds Chemists that values the group at about £547 million. The takeover will create Britain's largest chemist chain with 1,300 outlets, pushing Boots into second place, and give UniChem about 35 per cent of the wholesale and 11 per cent of

interest rates, we called for it

and it was the right time to do

it." The move was also wel-comed by the Institute of

Directors and the Confedera-

However, ten million house

holds with mortgages will not enjoy the immediate benefits

tion of British Industry.

the retail market. The offer values each Lloyds ordinary share at 422p and each preference share at 27lp. There is also a partial cash alternative worth about 400p. Allen Lloyd, chairman of

Lloyds Chemists, has agreed to sell the family stake which should net about £41 million. The two companies' shares surged yesterday. Unichem closed at 258.5p, up 19.5p, while Lloyds closed at 401p, up 35p on the day. UniChem said it would

rename almost the Lloyds chemists as Moss, the chain it bought four years ago and has since expanded. It wants to develop its own-label brands to compete with Boots. This

could lead to price-cutting, Jeff Harris, chief executive, said. The two businesses were highly complementary, he

said, and buying Lloyds should bring savings. Uni-Chem is strong in pharmaceu-tical wholesaling and distribution, while Lloyds brings 924 stores, its Holland & Barrett health food chain and a veterinary wholesaler. The larger group will have more buying

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Lloyd: selling family stake

### **Bristol &** West deters speculators

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRISTOL & WEST, the ninth largest building society with one million savers and 180,000 borrowers, yesterday raised the minimum amount needed to open accounts that confer membership rights and qualify for bonus payouts, in the event of a merger or takeover, to £2,500.

The society, which has assets of £1.8 billion, has, with the Britannia, been the subject of speculation about its future, as a mutual organisation. Both have been considered possible takeover targets or candidates for mergers prior to a stock market flotation. The Alliance & Leicester, which owns Girobank, is expected to announce soon that it will seek a stock market listing.

John Burke, chief executive of the Bristol & West, said there were "no plans to merge or convert to plc status". He added: "We have decided to take this action now, in line with a number of other societies, in order to manage speculative investment."

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### Five years for ex-bank manager in fee fraud Central division, said thousands of the much as \$20 million. Mr Crinnion By ROBERT MILLER Passing sentence on Victor Boulter, letters had been sent to public figures. Judge Owen Stable, QC, said that his

: A FORMER Bardays Bank manager

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was jailed for five years yesterday for his part in an international "advanced ■ fee fraud, in which hundreds of investors lost "tens of millions". Four other men received a total of 15

years after being convicted at Wood Green Crown Court, London, of conspiracy to defraud. Matthew Oke, who received 3½ years, and David Oluyitan, who was given four years, were recommended to be deported to Nigeria after serving sentence. Abdul Khaliq received 30 months.

knowledge and expertise as a former Bardays Bank manager had been a key part in the fraud. Boulter and another defendant, Victor Watson, who was also given five years, had posed as bank managers using the identities of real bank officials.

Among the investors targeted with Nigerian scam letters are a judge and a former Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Detective Inspector David Crinnion of the Metropolitan Police Company Fraud Squad, who led the investigation with the help of West End

charities, including Christian Aid, and senior company executives. The letters, which have turned up in 51 countries, were often written on

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation headed paper or other government departments, state that the sender, a senior Nigerian civil servant, and his colleagues, have over-invoiced the Government on contracts and need to place the money in overseas bank accounts. The bait for the potential investors to provide details of their personal accounts is sometimes as

whose team was commended by the judge, said: "Translated, these letters have the same theme: 'Dear Sir or Madam, I am a thief who has stolen a lot of money from the Government and I would like your help to get it out of Nigeria.'These monies do not exist and never have."

The mastermind is "Chief" Frank Okosa, described as a fugitive believed to be in Nigeria. The judge ordered that £219,373 found in his Barclays' bank account be handed over.

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### **Profits** take off at Vega

VEGA GROUP, the software and engineering company whose principal clients are the European Space Agency and the UK Ministry of Defence. increased pre-tax profits 25 per cent to \$1.27 million from £1.02 million in the half year to October 31.

John Rigg, chairman, said the flow of contracts has remained strong. Awards in-cluded a \$1 million contract for the development of a computerised aircraft training system (Cats) for the Royal Navy and a £1.4 million contract for spacecraft operations and software support for the Envisat spacecraft. Vega is also developing a runway simulation system for the Civil Aviation Authority.

First-half earnings were 5.0p a share, rising from 4.76p. The interim dividend is increased to 1.75p a share from 1.4p. The shares rose 5p to



Kelvin Harrison, managing director of Vega, at the controls of a Tornado jet during a visit to RAF Cottesmore

### Channel shoppers hit revenue

CUSTOMS and Excise collected £73 billion last year and the Inland Revenue £87 billion. Cross-border shopping is quickly reducing revenue but the loss is being offset by the new insurance premium tax (Nigel Williamson writes).

The figures are contained in the National Audit Office's annual report. It shows cross-border shopping reduced revenue £350 million in 1994 (£310 million in 1993). Of the three new raxes in 1994-95 air passenger duty will yield £315 million in its first year. The new insurance premium tax will yield £600 million and the lottery should yield £700

The Inland Revenue reduced tax outstanding for more than three months to £2,217 billion, 7.8 per cent of collectable charges. Volume 12 of the Appropriation Accounts 1994-95

# Orders and confidence steadier say chambers

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS confidence and orders are stabilising, and industry is set for reasonable trading in 1996, leaders of Britain's chambers of com-

merce said yesterday.

The findings of the latest quarterly trends survey from the British Chambers of Commerce, released as the Bank of England announced a quarterpoint rate cut, support the idea that the current slowdown is a pause in the UK's economic growth, rather than a move towards a downturn.

But ministers, officials and business leaders will wait until next week's quarterly industrial trends report from the Con-federation of British Industry to form their final view of the current state of UK industry. Over the past year, successive BCC surveys have become more strident about the

down on industry and services. Yesterday, it said its latest findings reversed some of the trends seen during that time. In particular, the decline in

home and export sales in manufacturing has stopped, mirroring greater stability in service sector growth. Overall confidence, having deteriorated. is stabilising. But employment growth looks like slowing. The survey of almost 7,700

companies for the final quarter of last year showed that firms are not expecting a strong upturn in business, and the BCC said that the level at which growth would be sustained looked "modest rather than spectacular, falling far short of the heady levels seen at this time last year".

Chambers leaders said that growth of anything like 3 per cent would not be achieved without further rate cuts. though they called for some ing investment in plant and machinery is slowing.

☐ Confidence. Manufacturing confidence has stabilised. stability in rates now until the late spring or early summer.

Key results from the survey

from 36 to 28 per cent.

after dipping in the previous included: ☐ Orders. In manufacturing, quarter's survey to its lowest level for three years. the rate of fall-off in orders declined, with the balance of Chambers' leaders said the companies - those recording 'cautious optimism" offered a rise set against those regis-tering a fall — reporting an "reasonable trading pros-pects" for the year. While increase in orders dropping growth did not look like back from 14 to 13 per cent. returning to the levels of late-Service sector orders dropped 1994 or early last year, "neiback from 21 to 19 per cent. ther, though, does it look like

freefalling towards recession". Robin Geldard, BCC president, said: "These figures point towards a better 1996. ☐ Exports. Export order growth has slowed, but is still rising — up in manufacturing ☐ Jobs. Spurred by medium-sized firms with 20-499 em-Adverse movement in domestic sales has stabilised, and ployees, job growth was sustained, though companies' exports are holding up, particularly from small firms. expectations suggest that the though service sector deliverrate of growth will slow, ies continue their downward trend. But constraints on especially in the service sector. ☐ Investment. Manufactur-

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### Hostility grows to levy for gas users

By Ross Tyeman Edustrial Correspon

THE Government was last night still weighing whether to impose a levy on 18 million household domestic users to bail out British Gas from lossmaking take-or-pay contracts, amid growing resistance from consumer representatives and industry about the effects.

The Gas Consumers Council warned that a levy could cost £46 per family, if the burden, estimated at £1.5 billion, was shared between industry and householders.

Ian Powe, the council's di-rector, said: "Given that VAT adds less than £30 to the average bill—and look what a fuss that caused - a levy can be expected to cause political outrage even if it is spread

over a few years."

Industrial gas customers claimed that a levy would constitute illegal state aid to British Gas, and they consider legal action under Article 92 of the Treaty of Rome if the

Government proceeded.
In a letter to Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, the Energy Intensive Users Group (EIUG), representing com-panies in the cement, glass, chemicals, steel, paper and other industries, said any levy would be unacceptable.

fan Blakey, the chairman, wrote: "Even the possibility of the introduction of such a levy will ease the pressure on British Gas to renegotiate its supply contracts with North Sea gas producers." Such pressure was "essential" if the Government was to realise its plans to create a competitive gas market in place of the former British Gas monopoly.

To meet its statutory obligations to maintain the supply of gas to homes and industry British Gas signed long-term contracts worth \$40 billion with North Sea gas producers. under which it must pay for gas whether or not it is used. The company now has more gas contracted than it needs because many business customers have signed up with rivals, and last year was obliged to pay £520 million for gas it did not sell.

In draft licences sent to rival shippers this week, the Department of Trade and Industry confirmed it was considering powers to impose a levy, which would be passed on to consumers, to fund part of the contract liabilities.

The delays to the draft shippers' licences may oblige the Government to delay plans to enable householders to chose their gas supplier in a pilot area from April 1.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Fokker future hangs in the balance

EFFORTS to save Fokker, the Dutch regional aircraft maker, appeared close to collapse last night after it maker, appeared close to collapse last night after it emerged that the Dutch Government and Daimler-Benz, which controls the company, have failed to make progress on a restructuring plan. The Dutch Government, which owns a minority stake, had turned down a request by Daimler to inject 1 billion guilders (£400 million). Daimler says Fokker needs 2.3 billion guilders of new cash after losing 651 million guilders during the first half. A last ditch meeting between Juergen Schrempp, the Daimler chairman, and Hans Wijers, the Dutch Economic Minister, is scheduled for today.

Thousands of British jobs hang upon Fokker's fate.
Wings for the company's 80 and 100-seat jets are built by
Short Brothers in Belfast, and the planes are powered by
Rolls-Royce Tay engines from Derby. But British
Aerospace is Fokker's chief rival in civil markets.

### Repsol profits strong

REPSOL the Spanish oil company, reported strong 1995 earnings yesterday to coincide with the launch of a £700 billion share offer to reduce the Government's stake from 21 to 10 per cent. Net income last year rose 22 per cent to 117.7 billion pesetas (£626 million), generated largely by gas and chemicals. Repsol is offering 11 per cent of its stock. The offer includes a 4 per cent discount for small investors and an institutional tranche for the UK. The institutional offer price

### Stagecoach pulls ahead

SHARES in Stagecoach, the bus company, rose IIp to 342p yesterday after John Taylor, the Competition and Consumer Affairs Minister, accepted a finding by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that its acquisition of Chesterfield Transport was not expected to operate against the public interest. The MMC report said it had found that the loss of actual competition between Chesterfield and East Midlands Motor Services, Stagecoach's subsidiary in the area, was

### Disposal by Xerox

XEROX Corp is to sell the rest of its insurance businesses for \$2.7 billion, taking a \$1.5 billion after-tax charge in connection with the deal, it was announced yesterday. The office machines company is selling the remaining insurance units of Talegen Holdings, its property and casualty insurance group, to investor groups led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co and the current management. The sales conclude a two-year effort to unload the troubled insurance businesses, which Xerox acquired in the early 1980s.

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### **Dublin theatre swap**

BREAK FOR THE BORDER, the restaurant to nightclub group, has agreed to swap Dick's Last Resort in London's Covent Garden for Dublin's Gaiety Theatre. The theatre, which seats 1,185, is expected to show a pre-tax profit for the year to June 30 of Ir£370,000 on turnover of Ir£1.5 million. Break for the Border hopes to raise revenue by the addition of further live music dates during the season when the theatre is not let. There will also be balancing of payments between the group and Gerry O'Reilly, the Galety's current owner.

### Ofwat seeks changes

THE Ofwat National Customer Council wants more information about the annual rise in bills sent out with the demands and more details of how water consumers can complain. This appeal comes ahead of the next round of bills and just days after Ian Byatt, the water regulator, wrote to the heads of water companies over excessive connection charges. Jim Gardner, chairman of the council, said: "I believe that there is scope for companies to perform much better in explaining their charges to their customers."

### Barclays Bank PLC.

Interest Rates for Business Customers, Charities and Societies with effect from 18th January 1996.

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£500 - £1,999	2.375	1.781
£2,000 ~ £24,999	2,750	2.063
£25,000 - £99,999	3,250	2.438
£100,000 - £249,999	3.500	2,625
£250,000 - £1 milion	3,625	2.719
HIGH INTEREST BUSINESS ACCOUNT - 14 days' notice.		
£2,000 ~ £9,999	3,375	2.531
£10,000 - £24,999	4.125	3.094
£25,000 - £99,999	4.625	3.469
£100,000 - £249,999	4,875	3,656
£250,000 +	5.000	3.750
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£10,000 - £24,999	3.500	2.625
£25,000 - £99,999	3.750	2.813
£100,000 - £249,999	4.125	3,094
£250,000 – £999,999	4.250	3.188
£1 milion +	4.375	3.281
BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT. (An interest bearing		
current account for clobs, charities, churches and societies.)	J J	
No minimum belauce. Interest paid quarterly.		
£0 - £4,999	0.750	0.563
£5,000 ~ £9,999	1.250	0.938
£10,000 - £24,999 £25,000 +	1.750	1.313
	2.250	1.688
SEVEN DAY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT. (A seven days' notice		
account.) No minimum balance. Interest paid half-yearly,	0.500	0.375

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☐ A case to answer at Caradon ☐ Clarke's credibility grows in base rate tussle ☐ The long shadow of Nigerian fraud

THIS column is not able to bring you the true story of the Caradon affair, although that story, or a fair approximation of it, is circulating around the City. For those on the outside, here are a few undisputed facts, and the best of luck in joining the dots. In September, days before some dire interim results,

Caradon shares took a swift fall amid heavy trading. Forecasts of the poor figures appeared in the Sunday press, and the figures were rushed out.

The Stock Exchange has now examined the matter and sent a report to the Department of Trade and Industry. The inquiry will have taken in a taped conversation between Financial Dynamics, one of the City's alggest public relations agencies, and Robert Fleming. The former is retained by Caradon; the latter has no link with it. Financial Dynamics insists no sensitive information was imparted by that phone call, a fact readily checkable by the authorities.

Also under consideration is the parallel sale of ten\_million Caradon shares by Fleming's fund management arm, which is separate from its securities business, that same Friday. Two employees of the securities side, who cover the building materials sector including Caradon, are no longer employed by the bank. There is no causal link estab-

# A postcard from the real world

lished between phone call and pany itself, via an elaborate share sale — indeed, there is pantomime of nods and winks, some evidence they may not be connected at all. Financial Dynamics has al-

ready been censured by the City Takeover Panel after price-sensitive information on another client, the builder Amec, leaked into the market.

Thus, the facts. Now some rumour, and an explanation of how things work in the real world. City gossips say the Stock Exchange is keen to collar a public relations firm, any one will do, because it feels they are all playing fast and loose with its rules over disclosure.

In theory, all price-sensitive information should go to everyone at the same time through the City's Topic screens. This rule has been tightened, as witness the rush of trading updates, mostly anodyne, that flood those screens. In practice, the market is steered, massaged, have it how the trading updates of the market is steered, massaged, have the market is steered, massaged, have the market is steered, massaged, have the market is steered. you will, in a number of ways. For example, analysts scurry away from company briefings and adjust their profit expecta-tions for the year. They then

often cross-check with the com-

that they are on the same planet as the company's own views. Analysts are not infallible; in

fact, some are pretty thick. Likewise, if bad news is on the way it is in the company's interest for the market's hopes not to be too high. This must be done without allowing anyone to benefit - this last is important, because if anyone gains finan-cially, it is insider trading. Even the most mild upset, in

today's nervous market, can send share prices off by 20 per cent or more, a quite unjustified response. It is in no one's interests, investors, companies or the City, for share prices to rock up and down like Yo-Yos on any slight hiccup in trading.

Eddie rues the day

[] WILL Eddie George's reputation ever recover from giving Ken Clarke the wrong advice on interest rates last May?
Ever since the Chancellor

gamely refused to raise rates and

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was proved right by the eco-nomic evidence, Mr George has struggled. Interest rate futures have soared, discounting more rate cuts to come. He must rue the day he agreed to an open and accountable system of monetary

policy-making.
The Governor refused to comment on yesterday's rate cut, seeking refuge instead in the system of publishing minutes of monetary meetings six weeks later. The idea was always that he keeping the content of his by keeping the content of his pow-wows with the Chancellor secret for a while, the authorities could avoid undue speculation.
But psychology doesn't work that way and nor does the Chancellor. If he has something

to say, be says it. That is fine if

and palpably embarrassing when you are bedevilled, as the Treasury Select Committee said of Mr George this week, with a reputation for being too pessimistic about inflation.

It seems that, once one man gets the upper hand, his power in the decision-making process grows exponentially. After May's misjudgment, it was almost impossible for Mr George to advise strongly against the Chancellor's instincts without risking a further loss of credibil-ity. And having been right once, the Chancellor is that much more likely to defy his Governor. From the reaction of the mar-

kets yesterday, it is the Chan-cellor's rate-cutting instincts which are again being ap-plauded. The futures markets are already looking for another quarter point cut by the end of March and another by June. If Mr George's credibility is in

question, that of Tony Blair seems assured. The markets see interest rates of 6.75 per cent as far off as December 1997, when Mr Blair may have his feet up in 10 Downing Street. This hardly suggests a panic reaction to a Labour victory — but perhaps that is because Mr George will probably still be there.

A fool and his money...

□ NEVER underestimate the power of human stupidity - and human greed. Surely anyone, at least anyone who has not spent the past five years in a Tibetan lamasery or exploring the Mari-anas trench by submersible, knows about Nigerian advance payment frauds.

Yet still they pop through the letter-box, suggesting instant and pain-free riches if the "investor" helps the fraudster to get at piles of cash unaccountably tied up in Nigeria, and still they find their victims. What most letters are saying is, let us at your bank account and we will put money in. Expressed that way, it is perhaps not too surprising that

the money goes the other way. The pattern of fraud is changing. Now, rather than being based in Nigeria and fleecing British idiots, the fraudsters set

up a base in London through which to fleece idiots in other countries. This makes life more difficult for the police, required to chase the crooks through different jurisdictions, a point made recently by George Staples at the SFO. Not much help is on hand from the Nigerian Government, probably because the

fraud runs all the way to the top. Perhaps we are trying too hard. The judge at yesterday's trial of five convicted fraudsters made it clear that anyone taking them up on their claims must have known they themselves were embarking on a crime. The message is thus: any promise of unearned riches is a rip-off, anything promising ditto and mentioning Nigeria, doubly so. You have been warned. Anyone caught out in future has only

### Frozen accounts

☐ TIME was when building societies put up the shutters when they were running out of cash. Now a clutch of them, including the Alliance & Leicester and most recently the Bristol & West, have been turning the stuff away overwhelmed ing the stuff away, overwhelmed by all the speculative fervour. The beneficiaries are the banks. presumably, in for a nifty windfall from investors desperate for somewhere to put their dosh.

### Hamleys reports festive record

BY SAHAH BAGNALL

HAMLEYS, the toy retail-er, yesterday said its flag-ship Regent Street store had a record Christmas, while Laura Ashley an-nounced good UK sales in the run-up to Christmas.

Hamleys reported a 5.9 per cent rise in like-for-like sales at its stores in Regent Street, Heathrow, Covent Garden and the Skyflyers operation. After a slightly disappointing November, the Regent Street store saw strong sales in December and recorded its best singie day's sales on Friday

New store openings at the Channel Tunnel and Schiphol airport in Hol-land, helped Hamleys' other operations to lift sales 35.9 per cent, a per-formance offset by falling revenues from Skyftyers. The group said gross mar-

Laura Ashley, the fabrics and clothing retailer, saw like-for-like sales rise 4.8 per cent in the eight weeks leading up to Christmas. The performance reflects a 12.2 per cent advance in like-for-like spice in the 11% office. like sales in the UK, offset by a 7.7 per cent decline in North America. The sales were achieved at the expense of margins but the impact was negated by cost savings elsewhere in

the group.

Meanwhile, Thorntons reported a like-for-like sales advance in its own shops of 8.5 per cent in the four weeks to Christmas Eve. Refitted stores achieved an even larger advance of 15.6 per cent. Franchises fared less well. lifting underlying sales 2 per cent

# IBM surprises with best earnings for over a decade

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

IBM, the computer company, has turned in its best performance for more than a decade, exceeding Wall Street's highest earnings estimates and confirming its recovery is back on track. The results show that the

company's dramatic change of strategy under Lou Gerstner, its chairman, is beginning to pay off handsomely. While profits were negligible in the highly competitive and low margin personal computer market which IBM helped to start in the early 1980s, its venture into computer networking and corporate mainframe systems is proving highly profitable. This is helping to revive the company after it seemed to have lost its

During the fourth quarter of rose 10 per cent to \$21.9 billion, deffections and problems with

while earnings were \$2.0 billion compared with analysts' estimates of about \$1.7 billion. For the whole year, earnings more than doubled from \$3 billion to \$6.3 billion, excluding a one-off charge from the acquisition of Lotus, the soft-ware company that IBM bought last year. Revenues for the year rose 12 per cent to

Mr Gerstner said: "Our 1995 revenues were a record, with the best rate of revenue growth since 1984." The results show that the company has recovered from the late delivery of some products last summer which damaged its performance in the third

Mr Gerstner also said that the controversial purchase of Lotus for \$3 billion was paying off, despite high-level staff

Manweb that it outlined at the

time of acquisition last Octo-

ber. It said that the action,

which will be complete by

March, will have cut the

workforce by 37 per cent since last March to 2,800. Between

April and September last year,

more than 1,000 employees

Annual cost-saving esti-mates of £92 million are predicted for 1997-98 after

ScottishPower absorbs excep-

tional costs of £42.7 million.

These will be taken in the

forthcoming half-year to the

lan Robinson, the chief exec-utive of ScottishPower, said

that the acquisiton of Manweb

would be earnings enhancing in the 1996-97 financial year

and that the dividend for the

1995-96 year would be 15.5p, an increase of 13.6 per cent.

left Manweb.

end of March.

integrating Lotus into the IBM culture. The purchase was designed to boost IBM's software operations and during the last quarter 1.2 million copies of the Lotus Notes networking programme were sold. Over the last six months it has sold more of the Notes program than in the previous six-year history of the product, Mr Gerstner said.

However, analysts said the outlook for this year may not be so good. Bill Milton, of Brown Brothers, said: There will definitely be a less benign operating environment than there has been for the last two years." The slowing economy would dampen spending on coporate computing and re-duce demand for personal computers. Income from overseas, which provides about 60 per cent of IBM revenues, was



### City dismay at £39m **Guinness write-off**

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GUINNESS, the drinks comyesterday by revealing it would take a further £39 million restructuring charge in its year-end results.

The company said it would write-off £29 million to improve productivity at its Spanish subsidiary Cruzcampo, and a £10 million charge at United Distillers to make further cost reductions. It also revealed that difficult trading conditions in Japan had re-sulted in profits being £10 million below forecasts.

The share price slipped back 14.5p to 474.5p as the City reacted angrily to the latest write-offs, which bring restructuring costs to a total of E64 million for 1995. Analysts immediately downgraded their 1995 profit estimates to below £900 million.

The latest write-offs at Cruzcampo come after a £72

million provision in 1992 for a three-year restructurng plan. Guinness paid £500 million for the company in 1990 but has been hit by a big drop in demand for beer in Spain.

Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, said: "The additionai charges reflect our continued determination to take the necessary action to raise pro-ductivity and operational eff-iciency, which will pay back to shareholders in improved profitability and competitive effectiveness."

The company added that trading conditions in Europe remained difficult, although volume and profit were ahead in the UK and Spain. But Guinness Brewing Worldwide reported good trading, while United Distillers has performed well in emerging markets and Australia.

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### Manweb seeks more industrial customers

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

MANWEB is to press ahead with building up industrial customers under ScottishPower, its new parent, to redress a 45 per cent loss of commercial business.

Mike Kinski, the chief executive of the northwestern electricity company that serves a large commercial base, said that the strategy would be as much geared to offering industrial users the type of deal they wanted as to

ScottishPower yesterday confirmed the job losses at

MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, the military and commercial aircraft manufacturer, plunged into loss during 1995 after an accounting change forced the company to make a \$1.8 billion one-off charge Richard Thomson writes from New York).

However, before accounting for the charge the results show that business was strong during the year, supporting the company's decision to remain independent for the time after the collapse of its merger talks

ings rose 13 per cent to \$187 million, thanks partly to a record year for the company's military aircraft business. After the charge, however, there was a \$936 million loss for the fourth quarter of last year, and the loss for the year was \$416 million.

### Accounting change hits **McDonnell**

with Boeing. Without the charge, earn-

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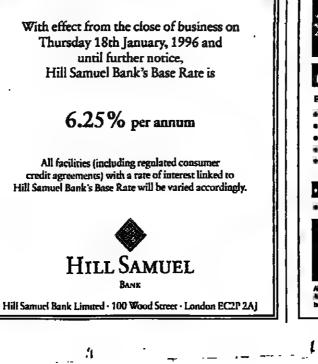
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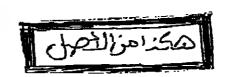
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# Shares scale the peaks after interest rate

SHARES resumed their bul run as the market celebrated the Bank of England's surprise 0.25 per cent cut in base rates to 6.25 per cent by surging to records.

The London market was revitalised as the latest interest rate cut combined with renewed corporate activity, firmer gilts and hopes of further rate cuts. There was genuine support for the market, although dealers said trading conditions were "squeezy", with shares pushed higher as market-makers scrambled to cover their positions amid an absence of sellers.

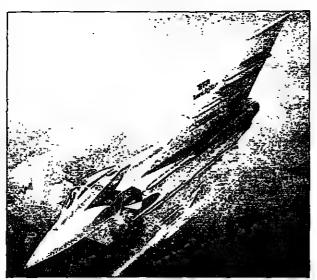
A positive start to trading on Wall Street helped further bolster sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index surged 45.5 points to touch a new intra-day peak of 3,749.7 before slipping back a little to end 44.5 up at a record close of 3,748.7. Volume, boosted by a couple of late buy programmes, reached 945.6 million shares

Among leading shares, British Aerospace surged 29'2p higher to 804'2p, with strong demand after broker recommendations and reports that Britain and Germany had reached agreement on 230 Eurofighters, expected to result in about earnings of ElO billion for British industry.

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, set the tone by reiterating its buy recommendation on BAe and suggesting a break-up value of El2 a share and a medium-term target price of £10.50.

BAe, which has a 30 per cent interest in the Airbus consortium, continues to be buoyed by three-pronged support from defence order hopes. more Airbus orders and optimism ahead of the flotation of Orange, the mobile phone network where BAe has a 32 per cent stake.

The City gave its support as UniChem launched an anticipated but higher-than-expected agreed offer for Lloyds Chemists, Britain's second biggest high street chemisा. Shares in Lloyds Chemists surged by 35p, or nearly 10 per cent, to 401p, on volume of 20.0 million shares, giving a two-day rise of 110p. UniChem added 192 p to 2582 p. The rise values the offer at 422p a share or £546.8 million. The deal. which will create the country's largest retail pharmacy chain and the UK's biggest drugs wholesaler, had been expected but was well received by



Agreement on the Eurofighter helped BAe shares to soar

analysts who talked of good commercial logic and potential cost savings.
Staying with bids, Forte

rose 4p to 381 2p. as volume swelled to 59.5 million shares. with many brokers expecting Granada to win control of the prestigious hotels and restaurants group. However, the bid is still finely poised and Mercury Asset Management, the among the composite insur-

Vaux Group, the Sunderlandbased brewer to Swallow Hotels and nursing homes group, by 10p to 299p, with those favoured to launch a bid including Wolverhampton & Dudley, unchanged at 592p, and Bass, where Goldman Sachs remains positive, 64p higher at 73412 p. Elsewhere, GRE, favoured as a bid target

Lloyds TSB rose 142p to 3402p as greater optimism about margins prompted Merrill Lynch to upgrade its profit forecasts and reiterate its buy stance. Merrill has raised its 1996 forecast for Lloyds TSB by 6 per cent. from £2.1 billion to £2.24 billion. with 1997's estimate up from £2.3 billion to £2.5 billion.

fund manager that has built up a near 15 per cent stake in Forte and is due to meet with both parties today, will play a key role in determining the winner of the £3.8 billion bid battle. Granada, which has lifted its stake in Forte to 9.9 per cent, added 3p to 696p, on volume of 8.04 million. The offer closes on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, persistent bid speculation returned to lift

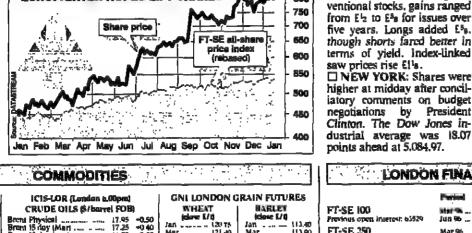


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and Ladbroke, another take-

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ket groups, but took a heavier toll on independent retailers such as Frost Group, down lop at 155p, giving a two-day loss of 26p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: The timing of the rate cut caught many by surprise and led to prices being squeezed higher as the market looks for further rate cuts. The March long gilt future added 19 ticks to £11213/32, on heavy volume of 102,000 contracts. Among con-

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### Sell Forte in the market

FORTE has done a good job defending itself from Granada. Over and above the predictable bad-mouthing of conglomerates and upstart caterers, the once-sleepy hotels group has found itself a strategy. Cupboards have been opened to public view and there are indications that the interests of all the shareholders will in future take priority over the very personal interest of a few.

But for the strategy to be credible, the company must be prepared to cast a cold eye on all of its assets. That means selling the low yielding "Exclusive" hotel properties while retaining management contracts which generate higher returns. The proposed sale of the roadside restaurants will make Forte a higher-risk investment. Success requires that a former collector of hotels transforms itself into a management company with a sideline in opportunistic property investment. That implies a huge change in culture in a company still run by the same team but investors who opt for Granada paper also run risks. Claims that Granada can generate £100 million of cost-savings look optimistic when it intends to shed two thirds of the Forte assets. a difficult task for a vendor under pressure in an illiquid hotel market. Granada has a good track record in cost-cutting but it has yet to demonstrate the selling skills of a Hanson. There is a third route that offers certain

gain and no risk. The market was yesterday offering 383p per Forte share compared with Granada's cash alternative of 362p or 373p for non-taxpayers. By selling in the market investors can pocket gains, leaving the option to reinvest at a lower price in either New Forte or Granada when the dust has settled.

group remains assured. The

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### Guinness

GUINNESS seems intent on proving that the company is not very good for you — or at least for your wallet. A litany of bad news includes September's announcement of restructuring costs at United Distillers, margin problems disclosed in November and yesterday's revelation of further provisions to pay for restructuring at United Distillers and Cruzcampo, its Spanish subsidiary. The share price plunged again as profit forecasts were rimmed to below £900 million, £50 million adrift from

bullish mid-vear estimates. The Spanish restructuring costs were especially disappointing. Guinness wrote off £78 million in 1992 for a costcutting programme that was only completed in December 1995 and included the closure of three breweries and

the loss of 1.000 jobs. the long-term health of the Guinness now reveals that its initial estimates of overcapacity were wrong, a sin committed by many UK brewers over the past few years. The new cuts should be sufficient and Guinness will benefit from improving

market conditions.

Margins could still be

under pressure this year out

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### UniChem

THE creation of the largest chain of chemists in Britain might give cause for alarm if UniChem's ambition was to take on Boots. Thankfully, the pharmacy wholesaler has an altogether different strategy and one that could be more attractive to investors than Boots' drugs to deodorants supermarkets.

The rebranded Moss outlets tend to be in residential rather than town centre locations and will concentrate on pills and potions rather than toiletries. The strategy takes advantage of the Government's policy shift towards self-administered healthcare and the consequential focus by drugs companies on overthe-counter versions of prescription drugs.

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DOLLAR RATES

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vitamins, which can be sold without the need for a qualified pharmacist. Recent sales figures sug-gest that the UniChem strate-

A strategy based on OTC drugs should give UniChem

more protection than Boots

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gy works as Moss enjoyed ignificantly better organic sales growth than Boots or Lloyds, and retail margins on OTC drugs are better than more widely sold medicines. Earnings enhancement could be in double digits this year. and investors will do well to

### ScottishPower

take UniChem shares.

SCOTTISHPOWER is hoping for big gains from the integration of Manweb. There are obvious savings from knitting together the two power groups, such as a common engineering strategy, administration and com-

WALLSTREET

puter systems.

More significant is the price paid for Manweb wich looks a steal in the light of subsequent deals. Scottish-Power paid £9.90p a share. a valuation that looks positivemiserly compared with the E11.70p offered for Seeboard by the American utility, Central and South West

Scottish Power also benefits from a vertically integrated haven in which it is protected from new suppliers. National Power and PowerGen must look with envy at Scottish which enjoyed a trouble-free swoop on Manweb while they were hauled before the MMC over their courtship of Midlands and Southern.

Scottish has achieved more cost-savings from Manweb. In addition to the £61 million cited by Manweb in its detracted £31 million by squeezing together distribution, sales, marketing and other joint facilities.

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### Manweb chief over the moon

FOR Mike Kinski, chief executive of Manweb, the journey south from par-ent company Scottish-Power had an added incentive. Prior to moving, the keen footballer, who used to play for Coventry's youth team, wondered whether to spend his Saturdays at

Liverpool or Everton. His office, however commands a view of Chester City's Deva Stadium. And, along with the proximity, the presence at Kinski's new local club of Cyrille Regis, one of his former footballing heroes, has sealed his allegiance.

### Rocco ages

THE truth is out! It was Sir Rocco Forte's 51st birthday yesterday. And if the man under takeover niege (rom Granada is looking older, here's why.

For many a year, Sir Rocco was listed in The International Who's Who as having being born on February 22, 1945. Even as that date was listed as his birthday.

Not so. Sir Rocco sent in a correction for the 1994 edition making it clear he was born on January 18. As the editor remarked: "It is usually actreseses that change their age — and then they make themselves younger, not older."

And how did Sir Rocco spend last evening? So as not to be seen to favour any particular hotel, he dined at home.

### Cut off

GRANADA, in a desperate attempt to contact as many Forte shareholders as possible, has committed the ultimate gaffe.

sweeping through Forte's share register in search of those countless, but all-impor-tant, small shareholders, a representative called a

lady's number. "Hello. I'm phoning on behalf of Granada wondering if you may wish to discuss any aspect of our bid for Forte, in which I note you are a shareholder."

There followed a stony silence, and then came a frosty reply. "No," said the voice ... and Lord Forte's personal assistant put down her phone.



Necessary evil

A CLASSIFIED advertisement that appeared in Zimbabwe's The Herald reads: "Drivers urgently wanted. Zimbabwean passports essential, but not necessary."

### Moving tale?

COULD the packing cases be coming out for Schroders staff at their Cheapside headquarters? The word is that management, keen to embrace the concept of open-plan of-fices, feel their current 100,000 sq ft premises are just not big enough.

Thanks to its 1960s design, the building is a bit too narrow." says Clive Boothman, director of Schroder Investment Management. "It might even be knocked down by the owners."

It is, however, unlikely that there will be an exodus to Canary Wharf. The normal way of choosing offices is to put a pin in Cheapside and pick buildings a five-minute walk away." says

COLIN CAMPBELL



Leaseholders in the elegant Pelham Crescent are disputing Smith's Charity's sale of the freehold of the estate to the Wellcome Trust last year

# The long and winding road to leasehold policy reform

ast autumn, the forthcoming Housing Bill looked set to be a low-key affair. The Government's main proposals were familiar to any follower of Conservative housing policy during the last 10 years: further extension of home onwership, further erosion of local empowerment for council tenants.

But, in the last two months, ministers and officials have been thrown into confusion by media revelations of widespread abuse by unscrupulous landlords of the system of long-leasehold tenure. Yesterday, just 24 hours before the Bill's publication, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was forced to respond to fierce criticism of the leasehold system by announcing a raft of amendments to

Mr Gummer is attempting to reverse what campaigners say is a long history of exploitation. Flatowners who buy their homes on long leases frequently face large bills for service charges and repairs which can turn out to be unnecessary or shoddy. If they refuse to pay they are threatened with forfeiture of their lease and loss of their home. Leaseholders discover that their freehold has changed hands overnight without their knowledge. There is growing evidence that many landlords are ignoring rules which require them to offer leaseholders first refusal if the freehold is up for sale. Preeholds to blocks of flats on long leases change hands rapidly and cheaply at auction with leaseholders knowing nothing

about it until the deal is done. Even if landlords are in breach of the "first refusal" rule, they face no sanctions. Those trying to exercise their right to buy their freehold and manage their own affairs can find themselves thwarted by their landlord splitting the freehold, thus disqualifying leaseholders from buying. Mr Gummer is

served as chairman of the

Select Committee on Trade

and Industry, should ignore so

many of the facts in his article on the UK's competitiveness

(Business News, January 12).

Disappointing, because in his

enthusiasm to damage the

Government, he does a disservice to the record of British

business over the past 15 years.

He argues that on virtually

every level of national compet-

itiveness the UK's ranking has

fallen. His main evidence is a

report by the World Economic

Forum. That report is a dubi-

ous basis for international

comparison. A third of its con-

clusions are based on a survey to which, on average, only 70

people per country responded.

And those respondents based

their judgments on some limit-ed national perceptions. How

many of your readers would

expect, for example, that Co-

lombia would come fourth in

the world in terms of corporate

boards safeguarding "proper

British economy had been

outperformed by the rest of the

G7 for far too long. By 1979, our labour productivity in

manufacturing, perhaps the key indicator of our industrial

efficiency, was only two-thirds

of Germany's and half that in

the US. This was not of

academic interest. In the long

run, labour productivity and

Since the early 1980s, we

have reversed this relative

decline in productivity and

closed a substantial part of the

gap. From 1974 to 1979, manu-facturing productivity grew by

less than I per cent per annum.

Since 1979, it has grown by 4.1

per cent per annum, compared

with 1.9 per cent in Germany

and 2.4 per cent in the US. We

have done twice as well as

Germany and 70 per cent

During the 1980s, business

investment in the UK as a

proportion of GDP was sec-

ond only to Japan among the G7 countries. Even in the

subsequent recession, only

Germany moved slightly

ahead. There is, in fact, no

relationship between the level

better than the US.

incomes go hand in hand.

By the end of the 1970s, the

The Government wants to tackle abuse but faces a fight says Sara McConnell

proposing to block this method of disqualification by amending legisla-tion. He has also put forward plans to give residents' associations greater powers to challenge unreasonable service charge bills. The law of forfeiture will be amended so that leaseholders who dispute service charges will not face forfeiture of their eases without establishing that it is 'lawfully due". Landlords who sell on freeholds without giving leaseholders

in the block first refusal will be committing a criminal offence. In a further change, leaseholders the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal instead of at court.

The Government's moves are likely to be welcomed by critics of leasehold but they are almost certain not to go nearly far enough. Campaigners such as the Cam-Against hold Abuse and the Labour Party want

the Government to force landiords to manage their own property. Others, including the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association (LEA), want the removal of "marriage value" which landlords demand as compensation for selling the freehold. All, however, want leasehold to be

abolished in the long term and re-

commonhold. Earlier this week, in a letter to officials at the Department of the Environment, Ron Armstrong, Council of Mortgage Lenders deputy director-general, said: "The long leasehold system is inherently and intrinsically defective, simply because it relies to a large extent on the goodwill of the

The Government is certain to face a hard fight at Westminster from landowners. But the Government was

> to risk this rather than further endanger the future of home ownership, the bedrock of Tory housing policy. As the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association recently to David Curry, Housing Minister: Lessehold property is becoming increasingly difficult to sell. Who is going to buy into a situation where so-called 'homeowners' can be

sold overnight from

one landlord to another or come under control of the nightmare landlords?" The housing boom of the late 1980s lent new urgency to leasehold abolition campaigns, as large numbers of Vic-torian houses, mainly in London and the South East, were converted into leasehold flats, and newly built flats were issued with their own long leases. Many new buyers discovered that they paid for repairs but had no control over the management of their home. The

daily as the lease expiry date neared. At the same time, the leases of a lot of older homes owned by the Great Estates of Central London were coming to an end. But rampant property inflation meant tenants could not afford the prices asked by ground

Three pieces of leasehold reform were passed in quick succession by the Tories in the teeth of opposition from landowners. The last, the Leasehold Reform and Urban Development Act of 1993, gave leaseholders the right to buy their freehold even if the landlord did not want to sell. But the Conservatives bowed to pressure from landlords and hedged the right round with so many qualifications that few have been

able to buy.

Even if Mr Gummer's proposed through Parliament, landlords will not give up without a fight. Meanwhile thousands of leaseholders are struggling against exploitation. John Mitch-ell of the recently formed Campaign-Against Residential Leasehold Abuse (Carla), says he has 5,000 flats collectively worth £350 million where lease-holders are in dispute with the landlord. Carla is concentrating on building up patterns and uncovering links between freehold companies.

Many of Caria's members are what Mr Mitchell calls "Thatcher's children" who bought for the first time in the 1980s boom. But longstanding leaseholders living in the elegant porticoed areas of Smith's Charity's South Kensington estate, including Pelham Crescent, are also disputing Smith's sale of the freehold of the estate to the Wellcome Trust last year, on the grounds that they did not properly offer leaseholders first refusal of the freehold. Zipporah Mainwaring, a Smith's resident, is set to take on the charity in the courts next month.

# **Future of Forte** is balanced on a knife-edge

The outcome of Granada's hostile bid is too close to call. Eric Reguly reports

> s the battle for Forte rants and most of its midenters its final hours, both sides insist they

Privately, they're scared. Granada's brilliant attack has been countered by Forte's equally smart counterattack and neither has an obvious advantage. There is no landslide in the making because Granada, conscious of value, has not offered a ludicrously high price. It appears that a fairly narrow margin will separate the victor from the vanquished when the votes are counted

When Granada pitched its £3.3 billion bid on November 22, Forte appeared to be seemed well-deserved and, if anything, overdue. Forte's hotels, and restaurants had taken a beating during the recession, forcing a dividend reduction, and the earnings and share performance had been underwhelming. Furthermore, the City felt that Sir Rocco Forte had landed in the chief executive's seat only because he was the son

6 The British

institutions

will settle

how the

vote falls?

of Lord Forte, the empire's Sir Rocco managed to even the odds with a age that included an £800

raise the dividend by 20 per cent a year for three years. He also struck a deal to sell Forte's roadside eateries to Whitbread for El billion.

Granada, not to be out-done, boosted its offer by £500 million by adding a cash dividend of 47p and, in a strategic reversal of its own, said it would unload Forte's Meridien and Excitsive hotel chains. That was on January 9. Since then, both sides have been exchanging insults, challenging each other's profit and the Takeover

Only a tiny minority of institutions, most in the US, have shown their hand, signalling lack of confidence holdings in the open market for cash. The British institutions will determine the outcome, and they will be doing their sums today and over the weekend.

From a strategic point of view, Granada and Forte present distinct options. Forte, shorn of its restau-

market hotels, will be a hotel player in the four-star and five-star sector. Shareholders will have to be convinced that luxury hotels are still on the upswing. A recent study by Pannell Kerr Foster Associates concluded: believe that the UK hotel industry has entered a per-iod of strong growth in profits, which should continue for three or four years."

Granada would concentrate on budget hotels and capital is higher than that of luxury hotels, and Granada argues that hotels with restaurants attached are less vulnerable to cyclical swings Since much of a hotel's profits come from catering. separating them makes no sense, it says.

From the management point of view, Granada has the edge. Gerry Robinson. chief executive, is regarded as something of a supermanager. The City is impressed by the profits he has teased out of Sutcliffe cater-

London Weekend Television, and expect him to "sweat" For te's assets with But Mr Robinson would also

ing: finding buyers for the Meridien and the Exclusive when there is a glut of upmarket hotels for sale may not be easy and Forte, for one, is uncon-vinced that he can avoid a

hefty capital gains tax.
As of yesterday, Granada could speak for 9.9 per cent of Forte's shares against the 8 per cent held by the Forte board and family, Many individual shareholders and some of the more conservative institutions, which typically back management in hostile fights, are likely to stick with Forte. If so, it can count on 20-30 per cent.

The rest is up for grabs and Mercury Asset Management, with about 15 per cent, is the most important, Carol Galley, the MAM strategy, meets Forte and Granada today. The meetings are bound to test Mr Robinson and Sir Rocco as she peppers them with questions about value.

A vote in Granada's favour does not guarantee its victory, but Forte appears doomed if it goes that way.

### Closing the competitiveness gap ow disappointing that Richard Caborn, in spite of having UK's position and bring for-

Mitchell: tackling disputes

Michael Heseltine says Richard Caborn, Labour's

competitiveness spokesman, is ignoring the facts



The Deputy Prime Minister wants more firms to follow the example of the best

of UK investment and dividends. Indeed, CBI surveys consistently show that the main determinants of investment are demand and rates of return rather than shortages or the costs of finance. This underlines the importance of stable macroeconomic policies rather than legislative interference in the market.

Mr Caborn is whipping up anxiety over short-termism as a justification for extensive interference in the market economy. Policies that failed in the 1960s and 1970s, "regional investment schemes", "fiscal options", are dusted off. The only difference is that in a world where investment is now free to flow around the globe they are even more dangerous.

Our policies, in contrast, have worked. We have provided the conditions in which companies forge parmerships with their employees. The language of empowerment is heard in successful companies throughout Britain, not the

voice for employees on com-pany boards as the Labour Party wants. It has come about because of our reforms of the labour market in the 1980s. In 1979, we lost 29 million mandays in strikes. In 1994, we lost a quarter of a million — the lowest level since records began 100 years ago. And. through our encouragement for employee shareholdings, employers have rewarded employees' performance with a genuine, tangible "stake" in the business.

Te now want more firms to follow the example of the best. We have our poor performers. Every country does. But legis-lation is not the way to build trust and partnership in companies. The example and competition of those that are making the most of our reforms is a surer route to change.

In a global marketolace, skills, creativity and knowledge are essential to competi-That would not have come tiveness. It is perhaps not well will update our analysis of the spirit".

about if we had legislated for a enough understood just how far education and training have been transformed in the UK. In 1980, most young people abandoned formal learning at the first opportunity. Only one in eight went into higher education. Last year, 78 per cent of 17-year-olds re-mained in full-time education and one in three went on to higher education. We are well on course to meet our target of 25 per cent of 16-year-olds starting GNVOs in 1996. Mod-ern and accelerated modern apprenticeships started throughout England at the end of last year.

While the improvement has been considerable we are not complacent. Just as firms must benchmark themselves against the best of the competition, so must we benchmark our policies and our national performance. That is why we published two White Papers on competitiveness in 1994 and 1995 and why last night I announced that a third White Paper would be published this summer. That White Paper markets. We shall, for example, report on a major study of the level of skills in the UK. This will include a detailed analysis of how these match the needs of UK business and the skills and education of the workforce in our main There are many indicators of competitiveness. One of the

ward new measures to help

best is the extent to which we are able to attract multinational businesses that are free to choose where to invest. More than 4,000 inward investments have been made since 1979, creating and safeguard-ing 700,000 jobs. UK car production, for example, has increased by 600,000 since 1982, over half of which is due to Japanese investment, Japanese car plants are expected to increase production by a fur-ther quarter of a million vehicles by the turn of the century. And these investors have brought world class management practices to the UK and spread these throughout sectors that are performing badly.

Survey evidence shows that these companies come to the UK because we have the best environment for business in Europe. This has been achieved partly through deregulation; with more than 500 measures repealed so far under the deregulation initiative, not through legislation to fetter and direct corporate initiative.

For the last decade and a half, British business has closed the gap against some of the best, most innovative competition in the world. British industry, has, in short, done better than those Labour thinks are the best. That does not mean it has eradicated the postwar legacy, which is why we shall continue to seek greater competitiveness in every aspect of British economic

performance.
But in the words of Jan Timmer, president of Philips: The most competitive country in Europe today is the UK. It has a great sense of realism, a

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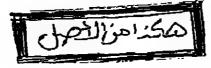
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# Life offices fear pension mis-selling hurting sales

LLOYDS Abbey Life has annew life business for 1995 but Legal & General and Britannic Assurance have seen sales fall amid public concern over

pensions mis-selling. Lloyds Abbey Life, the largest of the three, reported falls in regular premiums and unit trust sales but a rise of 36 per cent to £665.6 million of single premium business. Overall, new life premiums rose to £1.11 billion (£999.8 million).

Laurel Powers-Freeling, group financial director, said special offers in the first half of the year, and to "dramatically increased sales" through independent financial advisers. Black Horse Financial Ser-

### **NatPower** to build £32m plant

NATIONAL POWER is to build a £32 million combined heat and power plant for BASF, the chemicals manufacturer, with a 15-year deal between the two for electricity and steam from the plant (Christine Buckley writes).

The gas-fired plant which will be built to environmentally friendly specifications, will have an electricity output of 75 megawatts. It will be sited at BASF's complex at Seai Sands, Teesside.

National Power is the market leader in industrial CHP plants and has £114 million in nine contracts which provide 200 megawatts of power.

vices, a subsidiary of Cloyds Abbey Life, saw a significant drop in life business, down £6.7 million to £30 million. Pension sales rose by 6 per

Apart from the Securities and Investment Board investigation into pensions mis-selling, insurers have faced new rules on disclosure of charges. which many claim have lengthened the sales process.

Total new annual premi-ums at Britannic fell 15 per cent to £34.4 million (£40.36 million), and over 9 per cent at L&G to £97 million (£106 million). Brian Shaw, general manager and actuary, said business was worst hit at the beginning of the year, when the new rules on disclosure had the greatest impact, "The public are still reluctant to buy life products and will continue to be until the SIB review has

been completed," he added.

L&G's UK group business
saw a fall in new annual premiums of 6.4 per cent to E26.4 million, with lower levels of pension and group life new business partly offset by increased permanent health business, PEP and unit trust new business in the UK grew to £177.4 million from £105.4 million in 1994.

The group also announced it would declare a special bonus for its 1.4 million with-profits policyholders, which will be added to policies in March. □ Direct insurers are continuing to gain market share, particularly in motor insurance, according to a report by Goldman Sachs. Direct Line dominates the sector with more than two million poli-cies, followed by Churchill,

Royal Insurance and Preffered. In household insurance, the report predicts building societies and banks will be significant players.



Laverstoke House, home of the 'fabulous freebje', has been sold by De la Rue to Jody Scheckter, the former motor racing driver, for £4.25 million

transfers from Swiss Bank

and Deutsche Bank. HSBC said its financia

controls revealed the fraud

on January 3 and reported it to Bank Indonesia, local

police, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Bank of England. The

bank believes the fraud occurred before Christ-

mas, and "has no material

effect on the financial

standing of Hongkong Bank or HSBC Holdings

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR is

to pay its; first interim divi-

years as the club moves to woo

institutional investors in a

game plan that could signal a.

Tottenham is keen to bring in more heavyweight funds,

but despite growing City confidence it has to contend with illiquid shares, as a large

proportion are held by fans

whose investment is made

more for loyalty than financial

gain. They tend not to sell, or

sell in insufficient amounts to

A rights issue could bring in a substantial draft of new

resources, but the company

must find a reason to call on

the money. The building of a

new stand - it still has to

interest institutions

rights issue.

for more than three

### Formula One great buys Laverstoke

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

JODY SCHECKTER, the former South African racing driver, has bought the 64.25 million Laverstoke House and Park in Hampshire from De la Rue, the printing company. The sale has rid its owners of an embarrassing hidden asset which emerged during its takeover bid of Portals.

In the months running up to De la Rue's £716.7 million takeover bid, it came to light that Julian Sheffield, the former chairman of Portals, was living at the yellow brick, classical Hampshire house set in 3,200 acres. The arrangement whereby

Mr Sheffield paid the running costs of the house but no rent

Savills, the agent, sold 3,200 acres of surrounding farmland in a separate lot to a local farmer, bringing the total value of the sale to £9.625 million. The estate, next to the hamlet of Freefolk, just past was built between 1796 and 1798 for Henry Portal by Joseph Bonomi, the influential Italian architect

Mr Sheffield has continued to live at the house, because De la Rue has been honouring the arrangement he had with Portals, a De la Rue spokesman said. He is expected to move out later this year.

Mr Scheckter, 55, won the Formula One world champand last raced in 1980.

### Air traffic scheme **HSBC** hit by \$42m faces 9-month delay fraud

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT HSBC's HongkongBank has been the victim of a A £350 million air traffic cont-\$42 million fraud in its rol centre intended to ease conbranch in Jakarta, Indonegestion in the skies above Britsia, the bank said yester ain will be at least nine day (writes Patricia months late because the US n). It is believed to computers are not compatible involve fake telegraphic

with the British-made radars. The Civil Aviation Authority has now launched an inquiry into the problem and the delay which threatens to put intolerable strain on the existing air traffic control centre at: West Drayton.

A spokesman said: "We will have a clearer picture of what can be done to solve the problem and when the centre will be able to become operational by the end of January when the review is completed."

The delay is embarrassing

Tottenham's game plan

may bring rights issue

the new centre at Swanwick, near Southampton, was vital immediately if the fast growing number of aircraft flying across UK airspace was to be handled safely.

The buildings to house the new centre are complete, but the computers to run the 150 radar screens, capable of safely shepherding more than a million aircraft a year across Britain; cannot be made to function properly.

There is some difficulty in integrating the software packages together" said a CAA spokesman. "It is a very complex system and it is not surprising there are difficul-

run in the FA Cup. John

Sedgwick, finance director,

said a new stand must be justified, "Capacity would rise

sand. We have to be getting capacity gates ahead of that."

Alan Sugar, the chairman, tempered the half-year results to the end of November by reporting the wages bill had risen and that the trend would

continue. Pre-tax profits were flattered by the sale of players including Nick Barmby, who fetched £5.2 million. Toten-

ham also negotiated new four-

year contracts with star

players Teddy Sheringham

Pre-tax profits rose to £7.13

million from £2.06 million.

The interim dividend will be

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and Darren Anderton.

paid on February 23.

about three to four thou-

### GrandMet success in Brent law suit

Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks company, has scored a small victory nas scored a situative vitory in its legal battle with Brent Walker, the leisure group, over the sale of William Hill the bookmaker, in 1989.

GrandMet launched a court case last summer seeking to determine what interpretation should be placed on documents associated with the £685 million sale to Brent Walker. The two parties have been in dispute since 1990 over the terms of the sale, with Brent Walker claiming a substantial reduction in the purchase price because it believes it was misled by GrandMet over the level of profitability at William

A High Court judge ruled yesterday that the original agreement over the sale should be rectified, a ruling which fa-vours GrandMet because it largely supports its inter-pretation of the

ocuments. Brent Walker responded by stating that it is waiting for the full text of the agreement before deciding whether to appeal.

### TI subsidiary wins contract

TI Group, the UK engineering company, said its John Crane engineered seals division has won its largest contract, worth £70 million over a five-year period, for the supply of seals for ultra high vacuum applications in the Applied Materials inc, a California manufacturer of equipment for the production of integrated circuits, has placed the order with John Crane Belfab, which is located in Florida.

### P&O role for Galpin

Rodney Galpin has been rector of P&O, the construction and cruising group, while Peter Ratcliffe, the president of Princes Cruises, and Robert Woods, managing di-rector of P&O Containers, become executive direc-tors. Michael Gradon, the group's legal director, will succeed John Crossman, who retires on June 30 as company secretary. Philip chairman of Bovis Homes. will also retire on June 30.

### Heiton ahead at half time

Heiton Holdings, the Irish builders merchant, steel supplier and homecare re-tailer, lifted pre-tax profits to IrE3.8 million from Ir£2.7 million in the halfyear to October 31. Turnover increased to 1r£66.4 million from lr£61.5 million. Earnings per share were up to 1r5.36p from ir3.72p and the interim dividend is lifted 18.75 per cent to Ir0.95p a share.

### Mayne to sell UK division

Mayne Nickless, the Australian transport, security and healthcare group, is seeking a buyer for its UK armoured car division, which trades under the names of Security Express and Armaguard (UK). The division has 52 branches and employs more than 2,800 people. The business has a book value of about E6.89 million.

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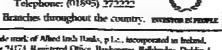
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**■ FILM** 

Me, tied down? Well, perhaps. The new, mature Pedro Almodóvar talks about his latest movie



**THEATRE** 

Martin Shaw gives the performance of his life in a superb staging of Wilde's An Ideal Husband





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# Sex? Kitsch? That's over now

FILM: No more celebrations of hedonism from Pedro Almodóvar. Or so the Spanish

maverick tells Julia Llewellyn Smith

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n Pedro Almodóvar's latest film, The Flower of My Secret, no one is raped, no one dresses up in gold lame fishnet stockings, no one takes drugs and no one finds an untoward use for a Black & Decker. This may come as a disappointment to those people who have enjoyed such scenes in his earlier films and have come to depend on the Spanish film director for their annual homage to sex, kitsch and hedonism.

Almodóvar is, after all, the man whose first film, Pepi. Luci, Bom (1980), featured a heroine who uri-mates on the head of a police sergeant's wife during a knitting class and goes on to make a fortune selling fart-proof knickers. His most recent offering, Kika, featured a 12minute rape scene played for laughs. Such excesses have done his career

no harm. Almodóvar is the most commercially successful director Spain has ever produced. At home, unfortunately: he has grown from a hero of the post-Franco underground into a national institution. Spanish culture was repressive, macho and Catholic, Almodóvar's films were frothy, camp and unashamedly devoted to the cult of the individ-

ual. In Spain, teenage

girls faint in his presence, a new film is accorded the attention due to a royal wedding and there is even an adjective almodóvariano to describe the quirky and the surreal.

Abroad, he has outgrown his cult status to become one of the few commercially viable non-English speaking directors. His hyperactive comedy Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown was the most successful foreign film of 1989 and won an Oscar nomination. Hollywood bought the rights and Sally Field, Jane Fonda and Whoopie Goldberg fought for the lead role. Yet even the 45-year-old director was unprepared for the critical scorn, the feminist outrage and the battles with the American censors that accompa-nied the likes of Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down, where a bound and gagged woman falls in love with her captor.

Just as the masses were beginning to lose patience with melodrama that merely smutty, along comes The Flower of My Secret - a tender, understated drama about a middleaged woman who has teetered over

the verge into full-scale breakdown. Flower, made under the more appropriate — if somewhat wordy working title Is There Any Chance, However Small, of Saving What We Had, is bereft of trashy trappings. What remains are the elements that made Almodóvar's earlier, and best, films much more than soft-porn juvenilia: an instinctive sympathy for women, an understanding of the nature of obsessive passion and a cinematic homage to Madrid. There is even a little tribute to the regenera-tive power of going back to one's roots, which for Almodóvar means the small village in the rural backwater of La Mancha, where he says he felt like "an astronaut at the Court of King Arthur".

Today, however, La Mancha would not give this clown-faced man a second glance. The punk singer, who wowed the avant-garde of Madrid in the frenzied years after Franco's death. has mellowed into a chubby 45-year-old in jeans and a stripey jumper. Instead of spiking your coffee with amphetamines, Almodóvar is earnestly polite, and blushes easily, "When people ap-proach me for the first time, they are always surprised," he says. "The image that they have in advance doesn't correspond with what they

see. People think that I am more crazy than I am."

Regrettably, yet in-evitably Almodovar has grown up. And phase heralded by Flower does him credit. It is a gener-ous, painful and wise film and the critics grimaces at the word mature. "Unfortunately, it's true," he sighs. "It doesn't

but you can't avoid sound well. maturing. What attracted me in this film was to explain profound emotions in the most sober way. It is talking about simple things that are at the same time very complicated."

o has Almodóvar been won over by the back-to-basics lobby and discovered, as the La Mancha scenes might indicate, that really there is no place like home? "No," he replies. "I don't like La Mancha, it's a very conserva-tive region and in my life I have always tried to fight against that

"What I was looking at is how, when a person is really lost, she needs to return to her roots. My heroine, Leo, has lost her husband, her career and has been about to lose her life. Now she needs to recognise two or three basic things, before she can return to Madrid to fight."

(played movingly by Marisa Paredes) is a multi-faceted character that any actress would kill to play, "I like women who suffer as a subject. I like everything about Leo that most men would think of as a flaw. She has this total sensibility, fragility and courage. She talks a lot, she says what she feels, she defends what she loves,"

It is impossible to imagine such a character in a Hollywood confection and, interestingly, the only actor from the Almodovar stable to succeed in America has been Antonio Banderas, the bespectacled geek in Women and now Sylvester Stallone's sidekick. Meanwhile, the Almodóvar



chicas — who include his muse Carmen Maura, Rossy de Palma and Victoria Abril — have yet to achieve international acclaim.

Fortunately, Almodóvar is aware of the restraints a big studio would place on his work. How does he feel about the remake of Women? "Anxious," he says instantly, his face crumbled with worry. "I hope this version will be worse than mine. Friends say I should be horrified that my work has been taken over by Hollywood, but really, now I have sold the rights, I don't mind, I am curious to see how they manage with

the material. It's like recycling paper, the fact that a script can generate

other things is very interesting."
Nonetheless, the time has come to leave Madrid. "I am too successful in Spain and it creates envy," he says. "I am too famous to go anywhere without attracting attention. I don't know where I will go - maybe Italy. I like London but my actors will never work in this grey light."

There is no prospect, however, of a Europudding. Almodóvar is as Spanish as a straw donkey and intends to remain so. "My government want to make us homogenous with other

European countries," he says, looking pained. "That means no siesta, no going out at night, no paella, which basically means not being Spanish. It means being the same as someone in Oslo, which is very fine, but it's not

for me." Nor does it mean that the bon vivant has renounced his ways. "Don't worry," he says, consolingly.
"I will definitely be making more baroque films. The fun and sex is not over yet."

Flower of My Secret opens in Britain next Friday, and will be reviewed on Thursday

# Stripped of the schmaltz

open their second concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the Adagietto from Mahler's Fifth Symphony. How would the elegi-ac soundtrack of Visconti's Death in Venice fare with the chamber forces of 19

strings and a harp? Perhaps it was precisely to free the movement of its decadent associations that it was treated thus. The knowledge that the Adagietto was actually intended as a lovesong for the composer's wife, Alma, has led to a clutch of revisionist interpretations. Stefan Sanderling's, with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie, came in at ten minutes — closer to the traditional readings of Barbirolli, Bernstein and Haitink than to Gilbert

Kaplan's nifty eight minutes. Much as one welcomed, in principle, the unsentimentalty of Sanderling's approach, it did raise nagging doubts. Individual phrases were stretched and pulled, but where was the over-arching line of which they should have formed part? The music does not have to drip with emotion, but surely a love-song can be allowed to exude Weltschmerz as well as

With one composer each from Germany, Poland, France, Russia and America. the programme was a whistle stop tour of the northern hemisphere. The Polish representative was Lutoslawski. whose Five Dance Preludes were given a spirited performance by the American clarnettist Richard Stoltzman. Bounding and bobbing about the stage like an overDeutsche Kammerphilharmonie/ Sanderling **OEH** 

excited wind-up toy. Stoltz-man even freezes mid-flight when bringing off the teasingly abrupt endings of movements. He turns to individual instrumentalists to engage in dialogue, and plays with great character. And if the tone is thin and reedy by some standards, it comes into its own with plangent cadences such as

those of the Andante. Stoltzman can produce a silky, creamy tone too, as he showed in the sublimely eloquent opening movement of Aaron Copland's Clarinet Concerto. The soliloquy, susstrings enhanced by harp and plano, was beautifully realised, while at the other end of the work the jazzy swoops and shrieks were

The choice of Prokofiev's showpiece, the Classical Symphony, may have been unwise. Not only was lessthan-perfect ensemble revealed here, but Sanderling's sluggish tempo for the first movement and his heavyhandedness generally made for a neo-classical romp fatally short on wit and style.

Poulenc's Sinfonietta though a slighter work, was more successful, delivered as it was with effervescent gaiety and seductive grace.

MILLINGTON

### A silent ovation

Benjamin Zander, like most conductors in the United States, is hot on verbal as well as musical communication. His performance of Mahler's Philharmonia was preceded by a full hour's talk; and, in

place of programme notes, which Mahler abhorred anyway, there was a long and wise essay of his own. The real communication began, though, when the baton was raised. Zander, now founder-director of the Boston Philharmonic, made his mark on British audiences for the first time last year in Mahler's Sixth at the Barbican. And to welcome

him back is to wonder how

we ever lost him; for this fine conductor is British born

and bred until Harvard wooed him. in physical precision and metaphysical vision he has filled the gap left by Klaus Tennstedt in his illness. Yet temperamentally Zander seems to share more with Sir Colin Davis. He does not live on the music's nerves but rather, broadly and far-sightedly, through its emotions, shaped by the music's breath and pulse. I should love to watch him rehearse to see how he obtained that veiled valediction to song in the voices of second violins and cellos in the symphony's opening; to track his work balancing so finely for many equal and individual voices

hierarchical of scores. The second movement, that petrified Landler from a dying Vienna, was minutely

in this least-instrumentally

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imagined in its every twitch of movement and sound. Zander's pacing left it with just enough of a swing to seem a real dance, even if this was a dance of death.

The Rondo-burleske which follows can sound more menacing than the Philharmonia allowed it to on Wednesday. But the clarity and the deceptive lift of Zander's tempo released its own strange joy, one that revealed only the horrors of happiness. The packed Barblcan Hall held its breath at the start of the final adagio. Here was a near perfect transition of pace, timbre, and dynamics from the opening, agonised violins' sigh to that great abide-withme of a chorale which dominates the movement

As shadows of the Wunderhorn songs and of Urlicht flicker from Mahler's earlier symphonies the listener is left in no doubt -from verbal recollection alone - that this is the loneliness of the soul which is speaking. As its physical life fades in the last bars, the Philharmonia played with the concentration of the finest of chamber ensembles. And even when bow and baton had given the licence for applause, there was the deepest, longest silence this hall may have ever heard.

HILARY FINCH

# Hall-marked by humanity

p to three years ago I had thought Wilde's Ideal Husband an unwieldy mix of melodrama, epigram, mildly liberal propaganda and the kind of blatant stage trickery customary in what the 19th century laughably misnamed "the wellmade play". But then Peter Hall staged the piece in the West End and I had to recant. Now he has revived it with an almost identical cast and, much to my chagrin, I find I must go further. The correct attire for yours truly was sackcloth and ashes, given the humanity and humour Sir Peter has found in the play.

Years ago, Sir Robert Chiltern made a killing from selling a Cabinet secret to a foreign billionaire, and is now on the brink of Cabinet membership himself. Enter that figure so beloved of late-Victorian dramatists, the siren with the louche past. Mrs Cheveley has a compromising letter and will wreck the statesman's career if he does not lend his support to a shady deal in banana-republic South America. Worse, her revelations will imperil his marriage to Gertrude, who makes it clear that her devotion to him depends on her faith in the searulessness of his virtue. The play was staged while

Queensberry was harassing Wilde, and precipitately withAn Ideal Husband Haymarket

drawn just after the dramatist's arrest. You only have to shut your eyes for a moment. and imagine that Chiltern's indiscretion is sexual rather than financial, to see the parallels between him and the man who ended up exposed. ruined and thrust into the stony maw of Reading Gaol. The plot had a particular frisson in the 1890s, and has a more general one in the 1990s.

But how to disguise the fact that in some ways both form and content are pretty dated? The denouement depends on the accidental discovery of a brooch the villainess has stolen, by the very man who years before bought it. And if you were to feed Germaine Greer the stuff about women's "emotional curves" being unimportant beside men's "wider scope", she would have it

and you for breakfast. Well, Hall and his cast have done more disguising than I had believed possible. They make light of the play's melodrama and bring weight to its comedy. Counterparts of Anna Carteret's Mrs Cheveley, with her creamy charm, and David Yelland's wintry Chiltern with his tense smiles, may be found politely destroying each other Lord Goring. His full, florid



Penny Downie as Lady Chiltern, Anna Carteret as the louche Mrs Cheveley, Martin Shaw as Lord Goring

in politics or business today. voice, face, wig and cravat all And Penny Downie even manages to find warmth in Gertrude's seeming coldness. High minded but unselfknowing, she has construed her love for Chiltern as respect for his integrity and somewhere inside herself is not sorry to see the mistake corrected. The icy wife is, after all. a real woman.

But the evening's performance comes from Martin Shaw as Robert's friend and rescuer, the dandy and wit

seem designed to evoke Wilde himself; but, as it turns out, less Wilde the poseur and paradoxist than Wilde the enemy of the rigid and frigid. In his wry, reproachful way he makes you feel there is something stalwart behind his flippancy and wise in the flippancy itself. His aim is to rid that microcosm of flawed Victorian virtue, the Chilterns' house, of lies, self-deception. intolerance and grief. What could be more authentically Wildean than that?

### THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale sees Wilde and eats humble pie. Plus, prejudice confronted through mime Discordant view of racial harmony

lack Mime Theatre, cel-Bebrating its tenth year under Denise Wong's pioneering and skilled directorship, is enriching the Mime Festival with its latest bold piece about cross-colour relationships and children of mixed race growing up in

This short show manages to span the ages of Man (and Woman) and black history. intercutting glimpses of chil-dren's homes, the slave trade, school playgrounds and teenage discos from which develop adult partnerships and another generation.

While embracing the potential for passionate love and harmony between blacks and whites, Dirty Reality II confronts the prejudices on both sides and the cultural schizophrenia, social isolation and suicides these can cause.

Stylistically this piece, devised by the company in association with Nottingham Playhouse, is a mix. One scene flows into another. A cappella song overlaps speech. Drama, dance and mirne merge.

The show does get off to a slow start. The soundbites taken from phone-ins and political forums on black identity and self-appreciation which are replayed, scratchstyle, across the empty stage, become protracted. It also takes time to make sense of the five performers' mimed acDirty Reality II Cochrane, WC1

tions and expressionistic choreography.

But we soon become fluent in the language of the piece. Material simplicity, without props, combines with complex symbolic significance. A quick whiting-up with face paint suggests both black cultural submission and tribal masks. Stuart Pampellone's spring-

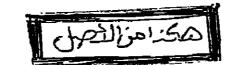
ing, lashing solo dance simul taneously conveys anger and exuberant liberation. The cast shuffle forward uncertainly but with a sporadic hurling motion that hints at a street The work is provocative and

sometimes distressing with, one suspects, personal experience underlying the acting. Yet the cast are, just as often, frankly sexy and funny, a multi-talented ensemble with distinct physical styles. Tall Mojisola Adebayo, after her broad clown of a matron at the racially repressive children's home, changes into an upsetting little girl trying to scratch

away her brown skin. Meanwhile, small Marva Alexander can switch from a funky teenybopper to an absurdly waddling grandma in a

KATE BASSETT







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Is Burt Bacharach the ultimate hip icon for the 1990s?

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Alan Jackson tunes in to the daddy of easy listening

can ever recall hearing was the Jack Jones version of Wives and Lovers. It is a song you rarely hear in these days of comparative sexual equality but, back in the early 1960s, nobody seemed to think it strange that a man with a bad haircut and a shiny suit should feel empowered to advise housewives to comb their hair and fix their make-up, then run to the door the moment that hardworking hubby came home to them. "For every day there are girls at the office," warned the impossibly urbane-sounding Jones, "And men will always be men . . . That lyric, written by Hal David to complement Burt Bacharach's gloriously breezy melody, says as much about

gender roles in the era as any sociological treatise - and, of course, far more concisely. At the time though, any such import was lost on me, a sixyear-old in Midlands suburbia; instead, it spoke to me of cool sophistication, of a necessarily American world peopled by Doris Day and Rock Hudson lookalikes who drove chrome-laden cars and lived in airy low-rise luxury. As did many of the other songs that floated out across the garden from my mother's radio in those warm-weather days of early childhood.

On the Street Where You Live by Peggy Lee. Fly Me to the Moon by Frank Sinatra, Theme from a Summer Place by Percy Faith ... how potent they all sounded. Within months, the Beatles would release She Loves You, which our neighbours' teenage son spun endlessly on a bedroom Dansette, and the focus of popular culture would rocket instantly back across the Atlantic from Los Angeles and to Liverpool. But not before my imagination had been captured by the vodka-martini world of American middle-ofthe-road. A spell had been cast which, subsequently, I have never quite had the heart or

Which is why, when idly grazing the silent television channels earlier this week, it was the image of the Mike Flowers Poos which finally caused me to sit down, turn up the sound and pay full attention. For here, alongside three latterday Ladybirds (for the benefit of younger readers. that trio of backing singers the middle one defiantly bespectacled - dusted off whenever an act needed vocal support on early-period Top of the Pops), was the crown prince of the current easylistening revival crooning Bricusse & Newley's The Candy Man with the aural equivalent of a knowing wink and an ironically raised eyebrow.

What a disappointment.

heart is writing craftsmanship able to survive repeated interpretation in a variety of different musical genres and by a multitude of different artists.

Noel Gallagher will need more than just the patronage of Mike Flowers for his output to be assured the longevity of the Lennon & McCartney or Bacharach & David songbooks. But the inclusion of a Bacharach poster within the room set featured on the cover of the first Oasis album and Gallagher's respectful pres-ence on the BBC's recent film biography of the 57-year-old American, suggests that he aspires towards a similar refinement of skill.

"If I could write a song as good as This Guy's in Love with You, I'd die a happy man," he told the camera, one of series of homages rewarded by a reported interest from Bacharach in writing with his laboration could take Britpop off in an interesting new direction, and might require Gallagher to develop the kind of slacks-and-sports-coat suaveness sported by the vereran tunesmith in all his promotional photographs

Young people dressing smartly and trading small talk from the 1960s. It could also pave the way to the sound of Sergio Mendes for a Jack Jones revival. Only and Brazil 66 or the Sandpipthe lyrics to Wives and Lovers ers ... can it possibly be true? could get in the way of that Although it will be anothema ultimate in critical rehabilitations.

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has given a frisson of surprise to, and made compelling, his MOR versions of Wonderwall Oasis and *Venus as a Bo*y by Björk. Here he seemed little more than a novelty act though - a man in a nylonlook wig and period clothing, mugging to the camera in a broad pastiche of the musical

mance was lacking the one ingredient which, as any true aficionado will tell you, is vital to good easy-listening music sincerity. "It may appear kitsch from the outside but everyone involved takes it very seriously indeed," insists A&M Records' Penny Feuer of a youth cult that worships at

And that meant his perfor-

The juxtaposition of styles such shrines as the Indigo Club or Swinging Safari in London, and at World of Cheese in Bristol. She is responsible for the

Man of the moment: Burt Bacharach has a devoted fan in Noel Gallagher of Oasis

press campaign to launch The Look of Love, a 23-track celebration of Bacharach's art which includes such classics of the genre as Dionne Warwick's Walk On By, Gene-Pitney's 24 Hours from Tulsa and Herb Alpert's This Guy's in Love with You.

And instead of targeting media oldsters who were around at the time when such songs first became hits, she has found herself fielding requests for interviews with the songwriter from a range of specialist clubland and dance magazines.

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# Bad case of primal therapy

Boys for Pele (eastwest 7567-82862)

A BLEAK, craggy monument to the emotional turbulence in Tori Amos's life, Boys for Pele redefines the concept of the "difficult" third album. Conceived amid the break-up of her eight-year relationship (ro-mantic and professional) with producer Eric Rosse, it was mostly written during the singer's last tour.

Less than a third of the 18 tracks accommodate a full rhythm section and the austere arrangements are dominated by Amos's alternately thunderous and tinkling plane parts and heavily mannered singing. A courtly harp-sichord is featured on several songs, along with occasional touches of strings, harmonium, bagpipes, church bells and a couple of cameo performances by the Black Dyke Mills (brass) Band. But de-spite these odd dashes of instrumental colour, the album's pulse remains stiff and ungainly, its tone charmless and cheerless throughout.

While rarely making much sense, Amos's lyrics sometimes resonate with dark sexual connotations, as on Blood Roses and Professional Widow (a song apparently about Courtney Love). But more often the words simply spill out like seeds in the wind ("I need some voodoo on these prunes"; "Congratulate you said you had a double tongue balancing cake and bread').

Conventional verse-chorus structures and tunes are largely abandoned in favour of convoluted, open-ended ces, enabling Amos to give full rein to ber extended bouts work as therapy or revenge, but why take it out on us?

FRANK BLACK The Cuit of Ray

(Epic 481647) WOEFULLY under-valued even when 1990s-style American rock 'n' roll was the flavour of the moment, Frank Black remains an awkward and stubborn customer. Comsomehow contriving to fit into neither camp, The Cult of Ray is his third solo album since the demise of the Pixies.

Although a gifted songwriter who wants to sell "lots and lots of records", he does not make things easy for himself. Resolutely unromantic ("My heart is just a muscle in a cavity") and invariably stick-ing to the old punk maxim that you do not hang around once you have made your point, he tends to throw away

ideas in the rush to get on. The fast, chunky chord se-quences of Men in Black and Dance War shoot past pleasantly enough and a couple of instrumental tracks make a welcome change. And every so often there are those flashes of wry genius - such as the sensational rocker You Ain't Me and the untypically sensi-tive I Don't Want to Hurt You --- that make it all worthwhile. The overall result is a victory on points, if not the knockout punch that was intended.

THE BUCKETHEADS All in the Mind

(Henry Street Music/Positiva) MORE of an alias than a group, the Bucketheads are basically Kenny "Dope" Gonzalez, a 25-year-old whiz-kid producer from New York, previously better known as one half of the cult DJ/remix duo Masters at Work: That was until last year when, trading as the Bucketheads. Gonzalez enjoyed a British Top Five hit with The Bomb! (These Sounds Fall into my Mind), an infectious dancefloor groove stitched together go track called Streetplayer.

The debut Bucketheads album, All in the Mind, successfully extends the basic principle of The Bomb! to album length. Cleverly com-bining mechanised rhythm tracks, bass loops and spacey house effects with straight, jazz-rock samples, Gonzalez creates vibrant, 1990s grooves from the reassuringly ancient



The result is a hip, modern dance experience with soul.

PAUL CARRACK Blue Views (IRS/EMI 8 36679)

HIS was the voice on hits by Ace (How Long) and Squeeze (Tempted), and he remains the lead singer with Mike & the Mechanics. But five albums down the line, and 44-year-old

nds of horns and guitars. Paul Carrack is still strucoling to establish a solo identity. At his best Carrack can produce a song such as Somewhere in Your Heart, a cleancut, soul-blues stroll that could belong on a Robert Cray album. But for the most part, as on the single Eyes of Blue and a sturdy reworking of How Long, he steers unadventurously along the middle of the road.

comedy team ... she has not

been sitting around moping

about missed opportunities or

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# Revenge has been fruitful

Tori Amos was right to expose her private demons on her new album

n the empty monochrome of the restaurant, broken only by subdued green glass ashtrays and polite white vases. Tori Amos is stretched out, splayed across a chair, flailing at an invisible piano, her orange hair as loud and wailing as her voice. She is singing, arias ricocheting off the blank metal walls, the cash till, the professionally blase waiters. The table vibrates. The lyrics guarantee the service charge is going to be through the roof: "Star f\*\*\*er, just like my daddy/ Mother Mary/China White/ Brown may be sweeter." The song is Professional Widow, the sickening, harpsichord swamprock deluge from Amos's new album, Boys For Pele, and already in the running for the

best song of 1996. "She's a blackwidow spider, a delicious Southern woman; you'd want to eat her like ice cream but that ice cream is laced with strychnine. You'd have still melted cream running from your lips. down your face as your body stiffens

**MORAN** and you went into convulsions." Tori explains, turning back to the table and quietening her rioting hair: "Your eyes would be rolling to the back of your sockets but you'd still reach out for another scoop. You'd die hungry for her." There are rumours that it's about

Courtney Love, Kurt Cobain's widow. "No, it's about me," Amos insists. "The part of me that wants to trap men in that woman-molasses. The part that's almost out hunting for revenge." It sounds like a slab of vintage Led Zeppelin. It certainly rocks, something one wouldn't expect of Tori Amos.

"All the hard rock boys know I rock," she grins. "That's why Robert Plant, Trent Reznor for industrial hard-core band Nine Inch Nails] and Eddie Van Halen turn up to my gigs. They know how hard it is to drive a plano on stage, alone, for two hours a night. But I prefer it that

It's these febrile emotions that lend Boys for Pele its air of channelled grief, hysteria and healing - Amos recently

broke up with the man she had intended to marry, her producer Eric Rosse, and the emotional fallout produced Boys for Pele's other stand-out

track. Hey Jupiter.
"That was my last letter to him," Amos whispers, her wide eyes looking even wetter and brighter than usual. "My last attempt to get him back. sang everything that was good about me in Jupiter, put everything in it. It was the last of our love. And it worked, for a little while. To a certain

"Now I know we could never have spent the rest of our lives together," Amos reflects. "So much of me was him - when we were together I was strong, and I thought that meant I was complete. But I had to find out these

things for myself. And that's what this album is about -it's the first record I've done for myself. I produced it myself we went to Ireland, and I recorded it all in this little box, with my piano on my right and my harpsichord on my left, singing in the dark. Most of it's

unaccompanied — I so many different rhythms in my songs it would be cluttered if anyone else

joined in." It's the rolling tempo changes, complex counter-rhythms and almost wilful obliqueness of the lyrics. ("She thinks she's Kaiser Wilhelm/Or a civilised syllabub" from Mr Zebra, the track you should skip) that marks out Boys for Pele as Arnos's excursion into the same kind of alternative-rock field as Throwing Muses and Buby Bird. Almost certainly Q will not be putting her on the cover

this time around.
"I find it surprising when people do put me on their ferent here in England, but in America I only get played on college radio; and remarks I've made about religion mean I'm seen as this dangerous infidel." She gives a wry grin.
"And with my father a priest I was in the running for some serious confusion in my head, which is why I'm so glad I'm part Cherokee. I've always got a part of me I can turn to."

# Rockin' on the box

As The White Room returns, pop on TV has never looked healthier

Tomorrow night sees the return of The White Room to Channel 4 (11.10pm) and no matter how it fares this time, the very fact of its continued existence is a triumph of sorts. After all, not many pop television shows in recent memory have made it as far as a second series.

According to Waldemar Januszczak, the commissioning editor for arts and music at Channel 4, until The White Room the network had not had a successful music show since The Tube in the early 1980s."Friday Night at the Dome, Rock Steady, Wired and all the others have been, at best, honourable failures, but more often a lot worse than that," he now admits.

The White Room has arrived at a time when the British music scene is flourishing but, according to Januszczak, the programme's success is more than just a happy accident of timing. He believes that, as well as having absolute faith in the televisual appeal of good, popular music "irrespective of age, sex, race, chart position or genre" and paying minute attention to the technical details of staging and direction, The White Room has captured a vital element of

topicality.
The only way to put music on television successfully is to make a show that is horribly and obviously au courant. It has to be the place to be. And if you go along to the recording ever taken from Later, and I've of The White Room, you will got the tapes to prove it. Later



He's ready, ready to rock 'n' roll: Little Richard

find the whole place heaving with people desperate to be there on the night, be it Chris Evans, Paula Yates, Mark Lamarr, whoever." As tomorrow night's line-up

of Blur, Robert Palmer, Little

Richard, Babylon Zoo, Solo and Skunk Anansie demonstrates, the show has made a virtue out of casting its net wide. But despite viewing figures for the first series averaging more than a million, Januszczak and the show's executive producer, Malcolm Gerrie, have not had everything their own way. In keeping with the spirit of the times - which gave us the battle of the Britpop bands - a fierce rivalry has developed between The White Room and BBC2's flagship music show Later with Jools Holland

Holland, whose programme recently completed its sixth series, described The White Room as "just a sad, pale copy" of Later. Januszczak begs to differ. "The last series of Later took far more from the first series of The White Room than The White Room has

has its strengths, but having its finger on the pulse isn't one of them."

Whatever their differences, with two substantial live music shows now firmly established, along with the revitalised Top of the Pops and The Chart Show, the coverage of pop on terrestrial television is now better than it has been for two decades.

And there is more to come. Dani Behr's late-night show. Hotel Babylon, launched on ITV on January 5, has had a frosty reception, and surprisingly little is known about Chris Evans's new Channel 4 show, the coyly titled T.F.I. Friday, except that it starts next month on a Friday. But both programmes promise to include a substantial proportion of live music in the mix.

After years of cynicism and scepticism - remember the argument that live music simply did not work on television and that comedy was the "new rock 'n' roll"? - it looks as if we are at last entering a golden era of pop on

### CONCERTS: Overtalented songwriter; and an unfettered singer

### Charlie POSSIBLY it is the fact of being good at too many things which first diminished Charlie Dore's potential as a pop still a star. Her one British almosthit as a performer, 1979's Pilot of the Airwaves, may recur even now on the radio yet it barely tickled the lower darling reaches of the charts at the time. Occasional film roles, regular appearances as a -Charlie Dore member of an improvisational

Borderline, WC2

dreams unfulfilled within a week, that it was the But it is her skill as a writer third of those options - Refuse of hit material for other artists to Dance, the least formulaic which has kept her name alive on record industry lips in the of all Dion's choices on that interim. A British No I for Jimmy Nail? Why certainly. An American Top 10 hit for Sheena Easton? No problem either. And a track for inclusion on Celine Dion's ten-million-selling The Colour of My Love? Here is one that will Dore cheerfully admitted at this, one of three low-key but well-attended London gigs

album - which had allowed her not only to self-finance a good new album of original material (Things Change) but also to assemble the talented six-piece band with which she promoted it here. And she seized the chance to prove that. unlike her American pen-forhire counterparts, she nurtures a healthy horror of the cliched or the careworn phrase; the cumulative im-

happen for any other artists with well-attuned ears.
Original versions of her Dion and Easton successes (the cleverly provocative Strut) completed the set. As for Jimmy Nail and Ain't No Doubt? Dore's warm reception left her no reason to attempt the requisite look of hangdog ennui.

almost too intelligent to excel

But excel she does, by

bringing wit and wisdom to a

genre too often shackled to the

moon-June school of songwrit-

ing. The gently political songs Running Out of Heroes and 772477 (A prisoner's identity

number, not the phone number of some desperate

girl') gave the greatest scope

to her own airily athletic voice.

but it was the performance of

other tracks from the album -

in particular Time Goes By.

Kiss My Innocence and the title number — which made

them seem like hits waiting to

at her chosen trade.

ALAN JACKSON

# Recipe for a vocal storm

EVERY now and then - let's say once or twice a year comes an occasion when a critic should be allowed to gush unashamedly. Barbara Cook's tour de force, a performance which wound a majestic path through Broadway standards and well chosen contemporary ballads, was just such an evening.

do nicely.

With Cook, you get the best of both worlds. An accomplished soprano who brought a coloratura's flights of fancy to the role of Cunegonde in the original production of Leonard Bernstein's Candide, she has reined in the voice with the passing years, yet still blends immaculate diction and pitch DAVID SINCLAIR | with a jazz singer's intimacy Barbara Cook Café Royal

and relaxed timing. Again and again she breaks free from the original meter of a song to create her own, indelible interpretation.

The climax of her show, a gracefully assembled medley from Porgy and Bess, brought all those virtues into focus. Even in these brief extracts her cultured vibrato and theatrical training took her to the heart of each number; her exuberant phrasing on It Ain't Necessarily So and A Woman is a Sometime Thing was the work of an artist who, in mood and

nuance, knows her way around Catfish Row.

If she makes this sleight of hand seem effortless, much of the credit must also go to her pianist of many years, Wally Harper, and her nimble bass player, Steve McManus. Much more than an accompanist. Harper ascends to the level of a co-star, his subtle arrangements responding to and sometimes cajoling Cook's voice. Together, they remind you of a married couple who finish each other's sentences. Only in this case you hear no cliches or small talk, just the liveliest of epigrams.

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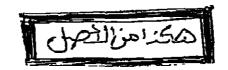
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### Law Report January 19 1996 Court of Appeal

# Calculating start of automatic timetable with multiple defendants

Peters Another Churchill v Forest of Dean District Council and Another Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

Judgment December 21] Where an action was brought against more than one defendant, the dare from which the commencement of the timetable for the automatic directions in Order 17, rule 11 of the County Court Rules 1481, as substituted was to be calculated was the date on which the last defendant named in the action as originally issued delivered his defence to the court.

The Court of Appeal so held: (i) dismissing an appeal by the defendants. Graham Winfield and John Martelette, from Judge Hagen, at Bristol County Court, who. alfirming the deputy district judge's order, held that time under the automatic rimetable run from close of pleadings consequent on very by the later defendant of his defence so that the action of the plaintiff. Nigel Peters, had not been automatically struck out under Order (7, rule 11(4).

(ii) granting an application by the plaintiff, Margaret Churchill, for leave to appeal and allowing her appeal from Judge McNaught, at Gloucester County Court, who, on appeal by the defendants. of Dean District Council and Gordon Bourne, from the district judge, had ruled that the nutomatic directions timetable was to he calculated from delivery of the earlier defence and had conluded that the plaintiff's action

had been automatically struck out. in each case each of the defendones had served defences with a long interval between them. If the timetable was to be calculated by reference to the first to be delivered the plaintiff's action had been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9), but if the calculation was to be made by reference to the delivery of the later, then the action had not been

Stating a view

Clarke And Others

While American Cranamid Co v Ethicon Ltd ([1975] AC 396) decided that the court should not attempt. on the hearing of an application for interluctiony relief, to resolve diffiremained proper, after it as before it, for a judge hearing such an application to take account of the relative strength of each party's case, as revealed by the affidavit evidence and, if thought fit, to state his view of the merits.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the

st defendant: Mr Timothy Otty for the second defendant. Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Glyn Edwards for the plaintiff

Second action: Mr Paul Darlow for the defendants: Mr P. Langlois for the plaintiff.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the question raised on both appeals was in an action where there was more than one defendant, each of whom delivered a defence, were pleadings deemed to be closed by reference to delivery of the first or last defence or was the timetable to run separately in respect of each defendant by reference to the time

he delivered his defence. There were theoretically four

I The automatic directions regime did not apply at all where proceedings were brought against several defendants or where more than one defendant served a defence. 2 The trigger date was to be calculated from the date of delivery of the first defence to be delivered. 3 The trigger date was to be calculated from the date of the last defence to be delivered.

4 The trigger date was to be calculated vis-a-vis each defendant from the date of delivery of his

There was no conclusive due in the rules as to which solution was to be preferred, and the presumption in the Interpretation Act 1978 that ordinarily the singular included the plural was tenuous in present circumstances.

His Lordship looked for greater assistance in considering the practicalities assumed to underlie the rules, although he bore in mind the argument that the language of Order 4. rule 2(6), reproduced in Order 17, rule II(II) provided for "a

defendant" to deliver "a defence". He rejected the first answer with confidence: No party contended for it and it had not been favoured by district or circuit judges. It was cummon knowledge that proceed-ings were regularly brought

orders or otherwise dealing with

any customer of the plaintiff whose

name appeared on any client or

contact list taken from the plaintiff

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nature sold by the plaintiff; and

from using or disclosing to any

other party the source codes or

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program in any of its forms

It could not be said that that 18, in refusing applications by the plaintiff, Series 5 Software Ltd. for nteriocutory injunctions restrain-

> There was an obvious difficulty where a defendant had not been effectively served, or where he had been but had not delivered a

after the timetable had begun.
It was impossible to find any answer which solved all problems. but his Lordship was satisfied that

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against two or more defendants in. for example, cases involving motor accidents, industrial injuries and sale of goods disputes.

The draftsman must have been aware of that and could not have intended to exclude the regime in such familiar everyday ca

His Lordship rejected the fourth answer which had been supported by one party on the appeals but not by any of the judges involved nor generally. Its solution might be superficially attractive. But if the timetable proceeded in respect of the first defendant who delivered a defence the time would come when the plaintiff had to request a hearing date.

If the timetable was proceeding later in respect of another defen dant who had delivered his defence later, the stage in respect of the later defendant might not have been reached for discovery or

exchange of witness statements.

The plaintiff had to request a hearing date for the action, not for part of it, so it would be inappropriate if the hearing date for the action was fixed when the later defendant did not have the time the rules intended to give him.

The defendants on the appeals strongly argued in favour of the second answer. Nothing in that answer was contradicted by the language of the rules. But if there was a gap between the first delivery and the second then the duty to give discovery and ex-change witness statements would be binding on the plaintiff and the earlier defendant and the timetable would roll before the delivery of the second defence and before al.

When the later defendant served his defence he might find that the time provided by the timetable had been spent or partly so. That seemed to be a powerful objection.

The third answer was the only possible solution if the others were in be rejected. Ordinarily there would be no difficulty because there would not be significant gaps between delivery of the defences. The majority of Judges had favoured that answer

answer had no drawbacks or difficulties. Where there was a long gap between deliveries the action hung fire and the object of the regime was frustrated to the extent of affording ample opportunity for

There was a further problem where a named defendant blamed an additional party whom the plaintiff had to join and who would then serve a defence causing delay of proceedings and the fair treat-ment of those involved was achieved by calculating the trigger date from the date of the last defence delivered by a defendant

Any party finding himself embarrassed by that rule should seek variation of the automatic timetable from the court, and any problem, unfairness or difficulty was to be resolved by recourse to the court for an order appropriate to meet the requirements of justice in the circumstances of the case. Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Solicitors: Sansbury Hill, Bristol: Cartwrights, Bristol: Lyons Davidson, Bristol. Charles Allchurch & Co, Tewkesbury and Bretherton Price Elgoods, Cheltenham; Tayntons,

Justice Otton agreed.

Gloucester.

Direction displaces timetable

Downer and Downer Ltd v Brough Protim Services Ltd Newcomb

Before Sir Thomas Bingham. Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Offer. Judgment December 21

An interlocutory direction made by the county court had the effect of displacing to that extent the auto matic directions regime in Order Rules 1981, as substituted. Where therefore such a direction of the court required the parties jointly to fix a hearing date the effect was that rule [1(3)(d) and (9) ceased to

The Court of Appeal so held: (i) dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr J. J. Brough, from Judge Maciaren Webster, at Salis bury County Court, who had held that the direction, given by a deputy district judge that the aution be listed for trial on the joint application of the parties with a time estimate" superseded the automatic directions so that the action brought by the plaintiff, Downer and Downer Ltd, had not been struck out under Order 17, rule (1991:

(ii) dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Margaret Newcomb. from Judge Batterbury, at Bristol County Court, who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff. Protim Services Ltd, from the district judge, and concluded that the county court had directed a pretrial review with the consequ that the automatic directions did not apply and the action had not been automatically struck out

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First action: Mr Robert Clay for the defendant: Miss Geraldine Clark for the plaintiff. Second action: Mr Martyn Barklem for the defendant: Mr

Julian Waters for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE WAITE referred to the issue common to both appeals: what was the effect on the automatic directions and the requirement in Order 17, rule 11(3)(d) to request a hearing date within a prescribed period of an interlocutory direction of the county court that (in the first appeal) the action was to be listed on the joint application of the parties and fin the second appeal). that, inter alia, the action be listed for hearing on a date to be fixed on application certifying readiness for

The governing provisions were Order 17, rules 1, 3, dealing with pre-trial review, and il(IA). (2)(b) and (4), dealing with directions given by the court which were to supersede to that extent the automatic directions regime.
The issue was whether by virtue

hearing and subject to agreed time

of those provisions the effect of the orders was to exempt the plaintiff from the need to make a request for a hearing date under rule 11(3)(d) and from the sanction of automatic strike out under rule

Irrespective of whether the order on the first appeal emanated from a pre-trial review it in fact dis-placed rule 11(3)(d). Its language was not ambiguous; the rules were plain that a direction of the court prevailed over the automat

An order requiring the action to be set down and leaving it to the initiative of a party or the agree-ment of both was irreconcilable with the automatic direction which made it the mandatory duty of the plaintiff only to make a request for a hearing date within the specified e, coupled with the sanction of strike out provided by rule 11(9).

On the second case for those reasons the defendant's arrument that the clear terms of rule 11(9) was not to be ousted by the county court's direction, could not be

His Lordship would dismiss the appeals.

Lord Justice Otton agreed. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that on the making of the orders the parties had not understood the six month and 15 month time limits to survive, nor had the judges con-cerned intended that they should. Both orders contained elements found no place in Order 17, rule 11. It was clear that rule 11(3)(d) and (9) ceased to have effect. The County Court Rules rec-

ognised that in certain cases a different timetable from rule 11 might be appropriate. Accord-

ingly, the court could vary the automatic directions and should not hesitate to do so where good

reason was shown. It was however undesirable, even when a different timetable was laid down, that the date for requesting a hearing date should be left open. If a new timetable were laid down an order should be made to ensure that indefinite delay could not result.

That could be done either by stipulating the date by which a hearing date had to be sought, or by fixing a return date on which a date would be fixed.

His Lordship urged district judges and circuit judges who were asked to make orders of that kind not to leave the date for requesting a hearing date at large and the should make it as clear as possi whether any part, and if so which parts of Order 17, rule 11 was ended to remain in effect.

Solicitors: Trethowans, Salisbury; Dixon & Templeton, Burroughs Day, Bristol; Bishop

Transter from **High Court** Tarry v Humberside Finance

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

**Judgment January 12** The automatic directions regime contained in Order 17, rule 11, of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted, including that providnot apply to proceedings com-menced in the High Court before October I, 1990, when the automatic directions regime came into force, but transferred to the county court after that date.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defen-dant, Humberchyde Finance Ltd. the third party, K. F. Kirby (Harboro) Ltd. and the fourth party, J. I. Case (Europe) Ltd. from Judge Bray, at Northampton County Court, who had reversed the decision of the district judge and ruled that the action begun by the plaintiff, Geoffrey Tarry. In the High Court in February 1990 and transferred to the county court in matically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9) in November 26, 1992 for failure to request a hearing date within the period prescribed by Order 17, rule 11.

Mr R. Clive Smith for the defendant and the third and fourth. parties; Mr Richard Rundell for the plaintiff.

THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS said that the new regime had been introduced by rule 14 of the County Court (Amendment No the County Court (Amendment No 3) Rules (SI 1990 No 1764 (L 17)) which had substituted a new rule Il in Order 17. Thought had been given at that time to its impact on actions transferred from the High Court, and accordingly rule 13 of the statutory instrument amended Order 16, rule 6 by adding subrule (IA). Plainly therefore the auto-matic directions regime was to apply to the transferred actions.

There were two curiosities about that statutory instrument: 1 Although the new rule 11 con-tained clear rules to determine when the timetable for automatic directions would begin in proceed-ings commenced in the county court, there was no similar pro vision applicable to transferred

That was addressed by amendment to Order 16, rule o(IA) by rule 7 of the County Court (Amendment No 4) Rules (SI 1991 No 1882 (L 28): pleadings would be deemed to be closed 14 days after the date of

2 Rule 17 of the instrument provided: "Nothing in rules 2 to 16 shall apply to proceedings com-menced before those rules come into force." That clearly applied to came into force on October I, 1990. But the effect of rule 17 was not incorporated in any county court

It might be natural to infer that the new rule II would not apply to any action commenced in the county court before the rule giving effect to the new rule came into force. But it would not be so easy to infer how the new rule wax apply to actions which only fell within the scope of the County

On the defendant's side it had been argued in reliance on Order [7, rulle li(iA) that since such an action only fell within the scope of the County Court Rules on transfer, it was transfer which was to be regarded as the operative date for application of the automatic directions rules.

Rejecting that argument his Lordship preferred that of the

transferred actions with those commenced in the county court so that the same rules applied to each. In his Lordship's opinion. commence" in relation to proceeding was a term of art. It had the meaning he had given it in Dresser UK Lid v Fulcongate Freight Management Lid [1992] QB 502.

He could not reconcile the defendant's argument with what seemed to be the plain effect of rule 17 of the 1990 Amendment Rules If had been intended to equal transfer from the High Court with commencement in the county court for the purpose of determining when Order 17, rule 11 began to apply to a transferred action that could easily, and should clearly.

At best for the defendant the provisions were ambiguous, and the plaintiff ought not to lose his action on an ambiguity.

Although, it being a test case, his Lordship had approached the issue as one of principle, there was a shorter route to the same

Referring to the Court of Appeal decision in Gleed v Milton Keynes Borough Council (unreported February 6, 1995), he said that, whether or not the decision was strictly binding on the present court, he would wish to follow it.

He would dismiss the appeal. Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Ronald England & Sons. Sheffield; Hewitson Becke & Shaw, Northampiun.

### Correction

In In re H (Minors) (Child abuse: Threshold conditions! (The Times December 15) the first reference to In re W (Minors) (Sexual abuse: Standard of proof) ([1994] 1 FLR 419), where the House approved the Court of Appeal, should have included the page reference 424. The second reference to the same case, where their Lordships disapproved the Court of Appeal. should have included the page

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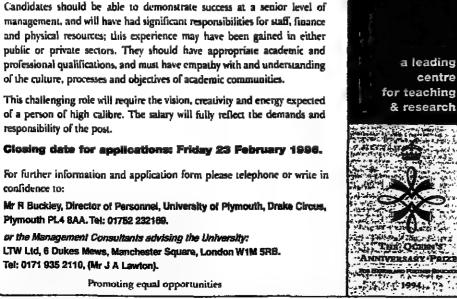
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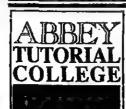
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# Weakness in numbers

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and German children are

better at maths

nternational comparisons are notoriously dif-ficult to get right in education. Overlapping qualifications and linguistic differences often cast doubt on the accuracy of studies that invariably chart the inadequacies of British schools.

The main exception to the rule is mathematics, where the nature of the subject avoids such complications. Several authoritative studies have shown that other European, and Asian, children really are ahead of their British counter parts by some margin. Although the gap narrows in secondary education, scores for younger pupils suggest fundamental flaws in the approach at primary school.

There has been persistent criticism of the standard of mathematics in British schools. Universities have altered their degree pro-grammes to allow for gaps in students' knowledge, and academics have identified shortcomings across the system.

Late last year, three leading mathematical associations claimed: "Recent changes in school mathematics may well have had advantages for some pupils, but they have not laid the necessary foundations to maintain the quantity and quality of mathematically competent school-leavers and have greatly disadvantaged those who need to continue their mathematical training beyond school level."

Sir Geoffrey Holland, former Permanent Socretary at the Department for Education, pinned the blame on primary schools ear<u>li</u>er this month. He quoted international studies showing only 4 per cent of the bottom 40 per cent of English 13-year-olds able do simple sums correctly, compared with 76 per cent of Germans.

So serious had the concerns become that the same week Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced 50 remedia centres to help schools to teach basic numeracy.

The problem is by no means a new one but this time there is more evidence to support claims of a decline. Britain came below all but two of the 14 countries in arithmetical tests of nine-year-olds carried out in 1991. Other research has confirmed that, while British



Imogen Bevan, of west London, is one of a growing number of children who do extra work at home to bolster their maths

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textbooks and teaching meth

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German-speaking Switzer-land. There was little surprise

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The NIESR study draws attention to differences between

the English and continental approaches, such as: "Vertical addition is expected to be employed in England even when sums are relatively simple. . . On the Continent, vertical addition is not introduced until about age nine; it is then almost entirely used to solve sums which are too complex to be worked out mentally (eg. 421+258)."

As a result, it says, certain types of errors were "frequently observed during our visits to English primary schools. Average nine-year-olds had written (horizontally) the following sums: 49-25-6; 73-49-18; 74-19-14."

"An above-average nine-year-old frequently did not 'carry forward' correctly in sums she added vertically (see right). .

"Such mistakes happen anywhere, but were not observed to anywhere near the same extent among continental pupils."

children at the top end of the ability range compare favourably with the world's best, there is an unusually long tail of low-achievers in basic num-

ber work. line National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), which has traced shortcomings in vocational education partly to underachievement in mathematics. set out to establish the root causes. Its report, published yesterday, finds that the prob-

lems are indeed fundamental. Helvia Bierhof, the author of the study, compared British

NIESR study found that English primary school teachers devoted about half their mathematics lessons to number work, even though they assumed that the curriculum really required equal time for each of the five areas. Continental teachers spent 80 per cent of their time on arithmetic, considering it the key to further progress

Textbooks reflect this basic difference: those on the Continent hardly mention topics such as data handling, in which British children excel. But Dr Bierhof believes textbooks also reveal important differences in approach to the teaching of mathematics. Both German and Swiss

exthooks contain much more material than English ones because they expect between three and fives times as much class time to be spent on practice and consolidation before a new topic is introduced. Where Eng introduce between 25 and 30 new topics per year, continental children are limited to about ten. An average of 12 pages is devoted to each topic in German and Swiss textbooks, compared with half that number in Britain.

One reason for the contrast may be that continental teachers spend more time instilling

oncentrate on arithmetic. The a thorough grasp of numbers up to 100, giving precedence to mental calculation. The theory is that an automatic response in basic calculation is necessary for progress to more complex work. The use of calculators, already controver sial in Britain, is frowned on. They are thought to put the development of mental calcu-

erman and Swiss teachers also rely much more on textbooks, which have to have government approval. English schools are expected to produce their own "schemes of work", using the textbook as ust one source of material. Dr Bierhof says English teachers are "reinventing the wheel" while their counterparts are free to focus on how best to put the message across.

Professor Sig Prais, the Institute's head of research, says the study strengthens the case mathematics curriculum. The curriculum has reinforced weaknesses and made things worse in a number of ways. Teachers need sensible advice, rather than legislation, on how mathematics should be taught in the early years." ● Laying the foundations of numeracy, (£3) NTESR, 2 Dean

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Bob Salisbury defends his school's incentive scheme

# Why I gave my pupils those meal vouchers

ittle did I know when I first considered offering family meal vouchers as form prizes what a stir it would cause. But now that the media storm has died down, it is a relief to find that parents and even alcohol campaigners

take a more measured view. To set the record straight, the vouchers are not, as was claimed by some critics in last week's press, "tokens for buy-ing booze" or "a charter for under-age drinking". They are a serious attempt to reinforce the achievements gained at school through the context of the family and community

The idea that any school would actually encourage children to drink alcohol illegally is a preposterous one and this notion should be seen for the sensationalism it is.

The family meal voucher

The award is only one of a wide range of strategies used in the school to reward improved performance and cooperative behaviour.

For years many schools have operated in a world that emphasises criticism and punishment rather than praise

safe and uncontroversial, they clearly do not work with many of today's youngsters. Those on the receiving end either give up, switch off or simply stay away.

is awarded for personal achievement and is given to youngsters who are punctual, have a smart appearance, good attendance, a pleasant and cheerful attitude, produce conscientious work and who help others surely qualities with which few could find fault?

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and reward. Though these

traditional approaches may be soared, vandalism is nonexistent and, perhaps most significant of all, the school has easily the lowest juvenile crime rate of any in the area.

Of course, good schools set high standards of discipline and work hard in seeking inventive means of motivating pupils and maintaining interest. Everyone aspires to instil the idea of long-term gratifica-tion and satisfaction from the work itself, but short-term incentives such as commendation certificates, merit systems,

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book tokens and family meal

vouchers also have their place.

competition. As in the rest of

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something, gaining awards, receiving public praise and

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This approach is paying

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Most schools have teaching programmes that strive to develop a responsible attitude to drugs and alcohol, but these become truly effective only if they are backed up by "real life" experiences outside the class-

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This school takes the view

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idea of an alcohol culture.

The parents of youngsters in this school see the common sense of this philosophy and have over-whelmingly backed the introduction of the family food voucher scheme. They see it as an inventive. practical way of promoting a family approach to eating out, of socialising and of rowing up. The fact that it is

school is an added bonus. Responsible brewers and even the Alcohol Problems Advisory Service are keen to promote the idea of "family eating experiences" or "safe, sensible drinking in a convivial environment", because this represents the approach most likely to succeed. Changing the macho image associated with many public houses by some of our young people can be done only if socialisation takes place via the family and school at a much earlier age. • The author is Head Teacher of the Garibaldi School, Mansfield

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THE publication yesterday of three books sponsored by The Times means that 11year-olds will have a new revision ald when they face this year's national curricu-

Many primary schools held their own revision classothers oppose any incursion into scarce curriculum time. The books will allow parents to step into the breach where necessary, or to reinforce their children's sessions at

Produced by the School year's tests. Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the body responsi-

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books on English, mathematics and science offer advice on revision and examination techniques, as well as sample questions at all levels of difficulty. Unlike rival publications, they contain actual questions from last

The three books, which are

published by HMSO, will form the basis of a series of articles on this year's tests at ages seven, Il and 14. The series will appear in The Times in March.

Some changes will be introduced in this year's tests for 11-year-olds, including one mathematics paper. However, the general pearance of the tests and the ground to be covered will alter little. Schools will be notified of the precise differ-27025

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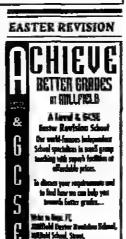
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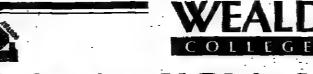
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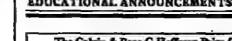
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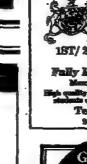
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# Britain ready for tough start to qualifying quest

DAVID WHITAKER, the Great Britain hockey coach, has the opportunity to show how good his team is when it faces India in the Olympic men's qualifying tournament, which starts at the Real Club de Polo here today.

India are obviously a danger to Britain in the quest for one of the five remaining places in the Olympic Games at Atlanta in July and nobody is more conscious of it than Whitaker. "No doubt, they have recovered their position in world hockey and we are all delighted that they are playing so well," he said of the eighttimes Olympic champions, bearing in mind that India defeated Pakistan, the World Cup holders, 5-2 in the South Asian Games Federation final in Madras in December.

Their style is typically Asian, but they are one of the best sides at punishing the opposition for their mistakes and they have a greater tactical approach and awareness than Pakistan," Whitaker "I am sure they are equally worried at having to play us on the first day of the tournament. We lost to them on penalty strokes in the play-off for lifth place at the Champions' Trophy in Berlin in September], but we had more of the game and I assure you we intend to play more aggressively this time."

That promise was not helped by the last-minute withdrawal from the squad of Russell Garcia, the experienced forward who won a gold medal as part of Britain's triumphant 1988 Olympic side, Garcia has gastroenteri-tis and is under medical supervision. He will be replaced by Howard Hoskin, of Reading, who flew to Spain last night to complete the 16-

man squad The top five nations in the eight-team tournament qualify for the Games in Atlanta, where they will join Germany, Pakistan, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, Australia and the United States.

### SCHEDULE

Top the quality for Olympic Games TODAY: Malaysia v Belgium; Belgrussia v Spain, Holland v Canada; Britain v India. TOMORROW: Belgium v Spain; Malay-

Holland. JAN 25: Canada v India: Malaysia v Spain: Holland v Britain, Belorussia v

Holland, with their natural flair and sound tactical sense, are favourites to win the qualifying tournament and will be another difficult obstacle in Britain's path. Spain will also be at their best.

Canada have never beaten Britain. Of the ten matches played between the countries, Britain have won eight and two have been drawn, but Canada are known for their resilience. Among their best efforts in recent months was the third place behind Australia and South Korea in the six nations' tournament in Cagliari, Sardinia, last September. Their results included a

Cedric de Souza, the India The Britain team seemed to have reached peak fitness in the recent 5-1 defeat of Malaysia at Bisham Abbey, when Robert Thompson scored a hat-trick, Guy Fordham, at right half, displayed a maturi-ty far beyond his years, and

Danny Hall, as a forward, excelled with stick work and acceleration. The same line-up seems likely against India.

coach, is confident of reaching

Atlanta. "With the return of

Pargat Singh as captain and

mainstay of the defence, cou-

pled with the all-round im-

provement in the side, I think

we ought to qualify," he said.

The much-improved Bel-

gians can be a threat to any

team. They drew 1-1 with

Holland at the European Na-

tions' Cup in Dublin last August and, in the first of two

international matches against

the Dutch at Cagliari earlier this month, also managed a

2-2 draw, losing 3-1 the next

Volker Knapp, Malaysia's

his team has only an outside

chance. In his reckoning, In-dia, Holland and Great Brit-

ain are certain to qualify,

thereby leaving five teams -Spain, Canada, Belgium, Be-

lorussia and Malaysia - to

battle for the two remaining

Whether Knapp's assess-ment is right, Whitaker has

faith in the team that he has

trained for the past three

months. "Like the side that

won the bronze medal at Los

Angeles in 1984, the team we

have now has a point to prove," he said. "Apart from qualifying, our aim is to serve

notice of better things to come.

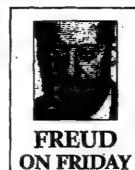
We are good enough to be among the top four in the world."

# Old Moore leaves Puglian red for dead

e is small and solid and his body lanagainst him "coming out" are similar to those available for Prince Philip.
His face bears the imprint

of his occupation: where there were protrusions, they have been smoothed as with a half-sucked lozenge, unlike Prince Philip's eldest son, his ears lit closely to his bead which, as in a child's drawing, rises from his shoulders with only just enough room for the collar of a neat blue

He sat at the top table at Doggett's, the agreeable pub/restaurant on the south side of Blackfriars Bridge, sat ing Tetleys and Carisberg



and Skol and drank minera water. He ate, as did we all an honest meal of home made soup, well-roasted tamb with redcurrant jelly, and broccoli, then cheese and biscuits. (For those who had forsaken meat, there were speed them back to the fold).

I was thinking about this and that, wondering about the Puglian red and white wines on our table, remem bering that it was I who once wrote "No one makes wine for the express purpose of causing grief", when the woman on my left said to the man on my right "I don't castrate them, but kill them when they are young."
Do you eat them?"

"Yes I do. Yum." It transpired that they were

talking of Manx sheep, which providing intelligence for BBC TV sports programmes.

The function in question was the Sports Writers' Association rugby hunch; our prize

was Brian Moore, England's

most-capped hooker, who

had announced his exit from the international game last year, then came back, and has now packed it in again. Tomorrow, England play

France, away, so yesterday, we went to hear old Moore's assessment. Lunch at one, coffee served from Thermos flasks at two, when Trevor Bond, our chairman. thanked us for attending, praised our multitudinousness (we were 25), introduced our guests and explained that we were now in a question and answer sinuation.

"Do you think we'll win and, if so, why?" a man from

a tabloid asked, and our guest thought about this, opined that, if he had to put money on the outcome, he would back France.

For any other result to come about, England would have to make sure that the French had a very unpleasant afternoon; our guest spoke as one who has suc-cessfully organised his fair share of Gallic malaise over

the years.

The hack sitting across the table from me said: "Kevin Keegan only got one O Level. in Art, and now lives in a tied

ing for the professional era and, when it arrived, we were caught short.

Moore believes that the old dual-career days are over.

that, in the past five years, everyone but us was prepar-

Either rugby and pay ... or no pay, be a lawyer or a brickie (Moore is a lawyer) and do it for fun. The sort of figure that he suggests as sufficient by way of incentive to give up a job and work hard enough at rugby to deserve your pay packet is £100,000. "At that price, every club will have a

pro team and the rest of the

players will have a good time:

if one or two clubs fall by the

wayside, that won't be the

end of the world," he said. omorrow, Moore will be in Paris as a commentator. He will miss the exhilarating police escort through the streets, stopping traffic, kicking drivers out of the way, "and there was that good feeling of being in a dressing-room with men on whom you relied for your protection"; otherwise, he is

at ease with his situation. On Carling: he never thought that captains made a huge difference to the overall performance of a team. "If we win, he gets too much credit:

On Paris crowds: clearly different from the 50,000 interchangeable Barbours at Twickenham; the new players will find it more passionate, more intense.

On the outcome of the five nations' championship this season: If England win in Paris, it will give them huge confidence and, I believe, they will do the lot. If the French win, I fancy them to go all the way. I think I reland are the best outsiders.

Are we fielding the best possible team? Not without Dean Richards, though the XV has almost picked itself. On Jack Rowell: "The right man to be given the chance to lead; he stands or falls by the

Then back to: "I should have packed it in last year: the great skill is to go when people are still trying for

result."

One sympathised ... but Moore, unlike the Puglian wine, has known greatness, and nobody can take that



Moore believes the winners in Paris tomorrow will go on to complete the grand slam

# St Helens set sights on McRae as coach

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SEAN McRAE, the assistant coach of the Canberra Raiders, is expected to take over as new coach at St Helens before their match at Halifax on Sunday, even though the rug-by league club faces a possible claim for wrongful dismissal by his predecessor.

Eric Hughes, who was in charge for two years until his dismissal on Wednesday, said: "A coach should be judged on results, but that's match plus the Silk Cut Chall-

not happened. We were eighth in the championship when I arrived, fourth last season and are now third - less than a week after reaching the Regal Trophy final."

St Helens suffered more disruption when Scott Gibbs. their Wales international centre, was banned for two matches and fined £150 after being sent off in the Regal Trophy final against Wigan on Saturday. Gibbs will miss the last Stones Championship

enge Cup fourth-round tie at Castleford tomorrow week. Indeed, St Helens may have both first-choice centres out this weekend after Paul Newlove suffered a recurrence of a foot injury.

Harvey Howard, the Leeds prop, also suffered a ban — for two games - and was fined £100 for his dismissal for a high tackle in the 28-26 victory against Oldham at Headingley eight days ago.

The inaugural Super League will kick off in Paris

this spring when Paris, the newly-formed team, meet Sheffield Eagles on March 29. Wigan play Oldham at Boundary Park the next night. Many of the matches will be

Many of the matches will be shown on Sky Sports. THEVESED SUPER LEAGUE FOOTUNES Heach Est Family Shaded. Sc. Okineny Wigen. April 4: London v Park. E. St. Helens 12: Warrington v Halles. 13: Okthern v Leeds. 19: Wigen & Leeds v St. Helens 12: Warrington v Halles. 13: Okthern v Leeds. 19: Wigen & Bradford. 20: Castistord v Okthern. May: 3: Straffeld v Castisford. 4: Workington v Halles. 12: London v 3t Heigen. 19: Warrington v Wigen. 24: Bradford v Leeds. 25: Warrington v London. 31: Castisford v Warrington. Junio: 1: Leeds v Wigen.

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estate." I absent-mindedly

poured myself a glass of Puglian red; it was a truly

fitting tipple for those restau-

rants that offer "all the wine

Now, Moore was speaking

about the dearth of national

talent in the game. In Eng-

land, there are no more than

45 men good enough to

compete at any sort of inter-

national level, and, in the

new world of professional

rugby - if one or two clubs

were to corner the market -

there would not be a lot of

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Spinner helps shaky Australia to clinch first World Series Cup final

# Warne's wiles undermine Sri Lanka

AUSTRALIA squeezed to an 18-run victory over Sri Lanka yesterday after the touring party suffered a middle-order batting collapse in the opening match of the best-of-three final of the World Series limitedovers cricket tournament in

Sri Lanka were cruising at 107 for two in the 24th over. chasing Australia's total of 201 for seven, but then lost seven wickets for 45. The decisive intervention was made by Shane Warne, the leg spinner. who slowed the scoring rate before taking the vital wickets of Aravinda De Silva, who had scored 34, and Hashan

Tillekerame for one. The Sri Lanka batsmen suddenly found themselves under pressure, conceding the initiative to the Australia bowlers. As the scoring rate slowed to a trickle. McDermott began reaping the rewards from the other end. luring Asanka Gurusinha into a rash shot with his score on

Attempting to lift the ball into the outfield, Gurusinha merely chipped the ball straight to Michael Bevan at mid-wicket. Arjuna Rana-tunga, the Sri Lanka captain, fought to the end, adding 33 runs for the last wicket with Ravindra Pushpakumara, the fast bowler, before being bowled by McGrath with II

balls remaining. Bevan and Ricky Ponting earlier rescued Australia by hitting determined half-centuries after a top-order collapse had left the home side reeling on 39 for four.

Chaminda Vaas, the leftarm fast-medium bowler, took 3-42 after an inspired opening spell in which he dismissed Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, and Mark Waugh, his opening partner, in his first three overs.

Ponting, who scored 51 off 74 balls, combined with Bevan, who made the top score of 59, in putting on 61 for the fifth wicket. Bevan, the Yorkshire



The bails fly as Ponting narrowly fails to make his ground and is run out for 51 during the Australia innings at the MCG yesterday

vice-captain, then put on 55 with Ian Healy, who finished on 50 not out to ensure Australia reached a respect-able total. It needed a brilliant diving catch in the 42nd over by Mahanama at long-on to end Bevan's assault.

The second match in the series will be played in Sydney tomorrow

While the drama was un-

folding under the lights at the MCG, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) was telling its players that it would not penalise them if they pulled out of the World Cup after being the target of threatening

Denis Rogers, the ACB and Graham chairman, Halbish, the chief executive. went to India and Sri Lanka

last week to seek security guarantees. Halbish said: Personal safety is a genuine concern. The assurances we have been given do help but they might not be entirely sufficient for some. We are all hoping it will not come to that and are doing our best in regard with some excellent

Muttiah Muralitharan, the off help from overseas. spinner, who has been called several times for throwing "If any individual chose not

during the present tour in Australia. to accept the ACB's invitation then that decision would not, in any way, prejudice his future in Australian cricket."

Although Australia's remaining group matches are in India, they may then have to play in Pakistan in the knockout stages. Pakistan's visit to Australia late last year was clouded by allegations of bribery made by Warne, Mark Waugh and Tim May after the Australia tour there in 1994.

### Rules deprive Rusedski of British No 1 spot By OUR SPORTS STAFF elevated position not only to a year of standings are changed week by week. the top British woman's player, with often leaving the British rankings three youngsters - Lizzie Jelfs, of consistent improvement, but also to the

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open



Henman: progress

THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) named Tim Henman as Great Britain's new No I men's tennis player yesterday, but it did so with a degree of embarrassment Henman has made raising his world ranking from near the 200 mark to his present place at No 90, but Greg Rusedski. 57 places above him in the world list, is the national No I in everything but name.

Henman, 21, from Oxford, owes his

fact that Rusedski has been eligible to play for Britain only since last May. when the Canadian-born left-hander changed his national allegiance. Under LTA rules, no player can receive has been eligible to play for their country for the past 12 months - a rule that is now under review. In addition. the British rankings, based on the world list, are announced only annually, each January, while the world

hopelessly out of date within two or three months.

Australia open their World

Cup programme in Colombo

against Sri Lanka on Febru-

ary 17, and can expect further

hostility over the treatment of

As a result, Rusedski, who played for Britain in the Davis Cup and the European men's team championship last year and is at No 33 in the wor rankings, is not named, leaving Chris Wilkinson, of Southampton, Jeremy Bates, of Surrey - the No 1 last year and Mark Petchey, of Essex, snapping

at Henman's heels. Clare Wood, of Brighton, remains as

Banbury, Karen Cross, of Exeter, and Megan Miller, of Yorkshire - at Nos 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Jo Durie, though offically retired, is at No 5. RANGINGS (1995 position in brackets): Men: 1, T Herman (3, Oxfordshire), 2, C Wildeson (4, Hampehire and loW), 3. J Bases (1, Surrey); 4. M Petchiey (2, Essep.), 5. M Mediagan (10, West of Scotland); 8. D Sapstard (8, Surrey); 7. C Beocher (13, Nard), 8. B Cowen (12, Lancachive); 9. A Foster (8, Sarfonderstel), 10, L Mitgan (-, Middlesen) Women: 1, C Wood (1, Sussep); 2. E Jeffs (-, Ordonderse); 3. F. Cross (6, Devon), 4, M Mitgan (-, Yprishme), 6. J Durie (8, Avon); 6. S Smith (-, Essep.); 7, R Violet (-, Lancachive); 8, A Warnweight (9, Essep.), 9. J Moore (11, Warwickstre), 10, L. Ahl (4, Essep.)

### Screaming out for different line of approach



Brian Clarke is left reeling by

the inability of television to communicate angling's appeal

see that Screaming Reels is back on television. Well, I say "see", but that is an overstatement. I only know for certain that horizontal stripes of it are on the box. Whenever I switch this programme on, great swaths of the screen are blacked out by the fingers I have clapped

over my eyes. For anyone who takes their fishing remotely seriously or is concerned for the way angling is presented to the public. Screaming Reels, which goes out on Channel 4 on Mondays, is a nail-biting view. One never knows — one lives in dread of — what might

gop up next. There have been interesting pieces from time to time, of course, but every week there is the rest: the frenetic presentation, the animation, the gimmicks, the ruinous depiction and treatment of fish.

If Screaming Reels is made by boys behaving badly, at least it is made with its tongue visibly in its cheek. Much televised angling - including most of what has gone out on the satellite channels — is not.

Non-anglers tell me that most of what they see is incomprehensible: all jargon and verbal shorthand, with squirmy things being shown at the same time in the background. Even the obvious enthusiasm of the partici-pants fails to interest before the programme is switched off. In the meantime, fishermen complain that their sport is sidelined by television and reduced, in the main, to low-

budget level. Why is it that television producers so often present the sport garishly, or feel they need to surround it with gimmickry, or to have pop-up personalities from other fields present it simply because they happen to be anglers, too?

It must be obvious that, if angling is the most popular outdoor participant sport in Europe, the United States and lanan, there are things about it that have an extraordinarily wide appeal. It must be obvious that, if angling engages the minds of famous and accomplished men for generainduce Sir Robert Boyle, of Boyle's Law, Sir Humphrey Davy, of the miner's lamp. and Charles Kingsley, of The Water Babies, among many others to write books about

the sport or homages to it, it must have great depth. And still it needs gimmicks? The problem, I believe, is that, with very few exceptions, tele-vision fails to get to grips with the issue which angling's very popularity raises. That is, it fails to explore adequately what the appeal is. Unless that can be communicated, the lay viewer has no context in which to place what he sees and hears, and bemusement and disaffection result. Then the biggest outdoor sport of them all reconfirms its ghetto

And the state of t

Any attempt to televise an-gling would have a better chance if it made the search for this appeal its central objective. The obvious way to begin doing that would be to t anglers talk.

Not, of course, any anglers who happen to be on the bank. Nor a personality, if he is simply going through a performance. And not a brilliant angler if all he can do is fish. The answer is to use anglers chosen for their ability to express what they see and feel, in language that nonanglers can understand.

n other words, the sport needs articulating from the inside looking out and not, as so often seems the case, from the outside looking in. Then, viewers would hear about the fascination of the other world of water, about the natural histories of remarkable fish; about optics and entomology. They would hear about fieldcraft and watereraft, about currents and tides, about temperatures and

They would learn about tension and drama, dedication and obsession; about locked-on concentration and the stressed mind floating free. Beyond all of these, there would be insight into modern man as early man and grown

man as boy.

Of course, they would hear about the different branches of angling, the specialisations within it, the approaches to it. They would learn about rods and tackle, and the amazing subtleties of technique.

how of fishing. By then, they would understand the why. What a change it would be and what a difference it could make. The viewers might even understand.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent I gave a hand yesterday on which it was not right for the declarer

to draw trumps, despite holding ten of them between the two hands. The refresher today is on the same theme. Dealer South Love all Rubber bridge ¥J1064 +Q10973 # J 10 **♦KJ10974** : N : . W E **VK03 \*A885 +KJ42** 498542 **4AQ65 FAQ8752 4A73** 1 H 4 H 2 H Lead: King of ciubs Contract: Four Hearts by South

This hand occurred in the El partnership at TGR's. Declarer took the first club and returned another one. West won and continued with a third club. Declarer ruffed in dummy and led the jack of hearts. When East played low, the contract could no longer be trumps, she loses three spade tricks; if she tries for spade ruffs. East overruffs the third and fourth rounds.

I was asked my views as to what is the right play. As so often, the solution is easy if you count your tricks. Here, declarer should recognise that, in addition to the club ruff, she needs two spade ruffs

in dummy. If, in the process of taking the third-round spade ruff, the jack of hearts is overruffed, the fourth round of spades can be ruffed with the ten of hearts. In that case, declarer emerges with ace of spades, one winning spade ruff, six hearts in hand, and ace of clubs and club ruff. All that is necessary is for the declarer to play ace and another spade after taking the club ruff. Even though she has ten trumps between the hands, it is not right to start

drawing them. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

CRONK

a. A raven's cry b. A compulsive head-butter c. A Norwegian dance-step

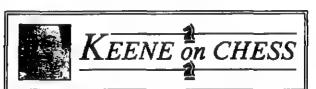
CAPON b. To castrate c. A cap-maker

a. A goaty smell

CHELA a. A Buddhist novice b. A flagon, or similar vessel c. A childlike quality

CONJEE a. A type of role-play To come together c. Rice water

Answers on page 42



12 Ng5 13 Ne4 14 Bg5 15 Ni6+

Qh5

Ebch6

Bg5+

NI3

Nc3

Bg5 Bxe7

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12 Qe4 13 Qxe5

White: Chris Ward

Black: Chris Duncan

Gausdal, January 1996

Queen's Gambit Accepted

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Qd8

Be6 Qud5

BY RAYMOND KRENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Gausdal results

The annual tournament at Gausdal, in Norway, resulted in a win for lan Rogers, the Australian grandmaster, re-peating his victory of last year. Rogers scored seven out of nine, half a point ahead of Margeir Petursson, of Iceland. A substantial British contingent produced a selection, of attractive miniature games. Here are two of them.

White: Byron Jacobs Black: David Anderton Gausdal, January 1996 French Defence

2 d4 3 Nc3

6 ආය 7 පියි 11 0-0

Nc6

Diagram of final position 

14 Oxg7 15 Ra1 16 Be2 17 Ng5 18 Nxe6 Og6 Qxe6 Og6 Nd4 Kd7 19 0-0 20 Qc3 21 Qe3+ Bxc4 Kc7 23 Qe: 24 b4 Times chess book Improve your game with Ray

Keene's book, The Times Winning Chess, published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders may be made to 01376 Raymond Keene writes on

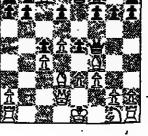
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WINNING BOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is from the game Hodgson -Chandler, Hastings Premier, 1991. White has just tried to gain time by attacking the black queen, but Black's reply exposed this as a fatal mistake Can you see how Black continued?

Solution on page 42



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### Collier Bay to relish testing conditions in Irish Champion Hurdle

# Hint of optimism changes Old routine

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

IF JIM OLD scooped the lonery, his unparalleled ability to fear the worst would soon convince him the winning cheque might bounce. No racehorse trainer around, not even the lugubrious Tim Forster, can match a pessimism which borders on the masochistic. "It is not in my nature to be bullish; I can only see hidden dangers, which come and smack me in the face," he admitted yesterday.

As he mulled over the prospects of Collier Bay collecting the AIG (Europe) Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday, the demons were soon at work. "I just hope the fog doesn't stop us: that is the big worry now. We are committed to flying out of Bristol at Sam on Sunday. Let's hope we don't get fogged

Yet, for all the foreboding, doom and gloom, it is possible to detect a hint of optimism from this most likeable man as he prepares to set forth across the Irish Sea from his Wroughton yard overlooking the Marlborough Downs optimism that can only be boosted by the confirmation yesterday that Jamie Osborne

Say it quietly, but the trainer, whose sense of fashion is shared only by scarecrows, is daring to think that Collier Bay can give Montelado, Danoli and company a thoroughly good thrashing - not that he would dream of saying

Collier Bay started life with John Gusden in Newmarket. How he must have hated those unforgiving gallops, his legs and hooves pounding away on ground which was far too firm for his liking. Even so, he still managed a Flat victory at mer and dared to utter the

Salisbury before changing hands for 45,000 guineas and

joining Old. After one sighter over hurdles at Sandown, he travelled to Lingfield almost two years ago when the ground approached a muddy morass. For the first time in his life, Collier Bay had conditions ideally in his favour and duly sluiced up in a remarkably fast time, beating one of Martin Pipe's Triumph Hur-dle hopes, General Mouktar, out of sight. The die had been

Last March, on heavy ground at Sandown, he re-

### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Take The Buckskin (3.00 Kempton Park) Next best: Sovereigns Parade

(J.30 Kempton Park) Thunderer was in sparkling form yesterday, He selected Dress Dance (20-1). All Clear (7-1) and Gerrylough (11-2) at Taunion. He was also on the mark at Lingfield with Random (14-1) and his four Ludlow winners included Master Tribe (3-1) and Newhall Prince (9-4)

peated the trick when winning the normally competitive Imperial Cup at Sandown by 11 lengths. Four days later, he finished a good fourth in the Coral Cup, a handicap hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival over an extended 2½ miles, having had every chance two

And so to Sandown earlier this month for the Bonusprint Limited Handicap Hurdle, where he was 18lb out of the handicap and, theoretically, had little chance. Old knew his six-year-old had improved dramatically during the sumfriends - before the doubts set

"I could not wait to run him. Then two races came and went because of the frost and we were forced into the situation of going to Sandown. By then the weather had forced us to miss ten days and we had three days to get him ready."

"In his last piece of work. Mole Board skipped past and left him 20 lengths behind. Collier Bay was huffing and puffing and struggling and I wondered if he had gone off the boil because he always needs a tremendous amount of work.

Come the day, and with Old not knowing what to expect, the going at the Esher course nearer heavy than the official good to soft, with soft patches. At 25-1, he was arguably the biggest steal of the season and powered away from some solid opponents up the Sandown hill.

Barring a sudden heatwave, conditions should again be in his favour at Leopardstown on Sunday and the 12-1 that was briefly on offer has long since disap-peared. "He's a big, powerful horse with a tremendous cruising speed. He jumps like a stag, given the right ground conditions," Old said. So can he win? Old re-

sponds: "You can say I am looking forward to it and I have never looked forward to anything. Experience has taught me never to look forward to a day's racing because something always appears and clobbers me where it

Old may not win the lottery but I expect him to hit the jackpot in Îreland on Sunday.



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Old is looking forward to Collier Bay's challenge at Leopardstown on Sunday

### Taunton double takes Pipe to another century

MARTIN PIPE, the West Country trainer who has a habit of breaking records. reached 100 winners for the tenth consecutive season at

The Nicholashayne trainer saddled All Clear to win the Yarcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle. He was completing a double for the Pipe team, who had collected earlier with Chaprassi in the EBF National Hunt

Novices' Hurdle. However, after All Clear's victory his rider, David Bridgwater, received a fourday suspension Danuary 27 to 31) for using his whip with unreasonable frequency. Chaprassi, making his

hurdling debut after two bumper victories, had the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle under control when his closest pursuer, the highly-regarded Mister Morose, departed two out. "He's seven-year-old now and has had a few problems. but is a nice horse," Pipe

Pipe has already reached a notable landmark this season, having trained his 2,000th winner when Runaway Pete won the William Hill Diamond Jubilee Handicap at Exeter in

September. Pipe has trained more than 200 winners on four occasions, in the seasons 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91 and

Another trainer celebrating was the Wantage-based David Gandolfo, who sent out his 800th winner when Garrylough held off Coolree by a length in the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

"We decided on different

tactics with her this time as I told Mark Dwyer to keep her closer up with the pace and it seems to have worked," said Gandolfo. who was ending a barren spell of almost seven weeks. John Manners wore a wide smile after Killeshin landed the Stephen Little and Dick Reynolds Book-

makers Handicap Chase. The ten-year-old jumped past the leader. Vicompt De Valmont, six out before gaining a three-length victory over that rival in the 44-

mile stamina test. "I've got my best gear on as I thought he'd win, but I've forgotten my false teeth. so don't ask me many questions," Manners said. "I ride him all the time at home. rounding up cows and I love him. There will be some celebrating tonight," the trainer added.

Manners considered Killeshin had a solid chance as he had been runner-up to last week's Warwick winner. Full Of Oats, on his most recent outing and now intends to aim the gelding at the Grand National where he will earn a £50,000 bonus if successful.

Manners said: "I'll give him one more run before the National, hut I don't know where." Killeshin was winning for the first time since lifting the Foxhunters' Chase at Aintree in 1994.

Tom Dascombe banned for two days (January 27 and 29) for his use of the whip on He's A King, who was beaten a short head by Hightown Cavalier in the Levy Board January Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

### KEMPTON PARK

1.00 RIVER NORTH (nap) 1.30 Ocean Hawk

2.30 Time Won't Walt 3.00 Great Esseby

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 CAILIN GLAS. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1,30 DOMAPPEL (nap).

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### 1.00 EXTRA DAYLIGHT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I \$2,918 2m) (14 runners)

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### Perrett hurt

MARK PERRETT, the jockey. was knocked unconscious at Taunton yesterday when Hullo Mary Doll, his mount in the Yarcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle, unseated him at the third-last flight. Perrett was taken to Musgrove Park Hospital\_in Taunton for precau. Hurdle, unseated him at the

### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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### 2.30 EASTER HERO HANDICAP CHASE

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### FORM FOCUS

BARNA BOY 21 2nd of 5 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Worceste (2m, notif) TME WONT WAIT completed double, best Full O'Posod 344 in 5-cover handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, only 1, many best RODEO STAR (6h better oil) 131 4th PEACEMAN completed double, best Pringrad 5 is 10-curser nonce chase at Bongor (2m 11 110yd, good), April 1994. RODEO STAR completed double, best Political Tower 41 in 4-completed double, best Political Tower

### 3.00 ROYAL MAIL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,945: 3m 110yd) (12 runners)

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### FORM FOCUS

with ROYAL PIPER (3th better oft) 31 3rd. COOL city 316 in 14-numer ipaninap hundle at Haydock (2m 71 110pd, good) TAKE THE BUCKSION beat Bailyes Boy 71 m 20-numer novice hundle at Not-Haydock (2m 71 110pd, good) completed double beat Alternation 316 in 4-numer translates and the second of the second of

### 3.30 HANWORTH HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,811: 3m) (5 runners) 

Long transforant The White 9-11 RETTING 7-4 Yorkshire Gale 2-1 Clever Shecherd 7-2 Repeat The Dissa 8-1 Tournes Prints 10-1 The White FORM FOCUS

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### 4.00 EXTRA DAYLIGHT NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II £2,918 2m) (13 runners)

BETTIKIG: 5-4 Castle Sweep, 6-1 Just in Aba 8-1 Armare, 10-1 Marier De Musique, Harlegum Welk, 13-1 Decade.

### FORM FOCUS

CASTLE SWEEP completed weble, beat keep it Zoped 51 m 12-namer nonce hasde at Notingham 2m, good to forth HARLEGURM VIALA beat Datasche 27-11 m 7-trooper conce handle at Hereland 12m 11, good handle 50 at and head 3d of 12 to Rocky 2m in moute handle at Robert 12m 21 to Rocky 2m in moute handle at Robert 12m 21 hours 12m 21 hour

Winners Bides

35.7 30.0 21.9 21.0 21.0

### COURSE SPECIALISTS

**JOCKEYS** TRAINERS 50 0 W Marston 50 0 E Marph, 36 4 P Hade 31 6 R Darmoody 26.2 M A Figgera

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ludlow

Going, good (good to livin in places) 12.40 (2m hde) 1, Master Tribe (W Maiston 5-1 p-lan), 2, Dream Ride (3-1 p-lan), 3, The Bounder (15-2) Blaze Of Oai 3-1 p-lan 18

C5.21
1.40 (2m hdle) 1. Pridewood Picker (A Magure 5-1 tev) 2. Magure Bd (10-1): 3 Roal Popcorn (16-1): 4. Master Murphy (6-1) 19 ran 178 Beadan 114. U. R Proc Tote 24.10 51.60, 22.50, 55.70, 52.20 DF-65.70 the 251.70 C5

£730 95 2.10 (3m chr 1 Tuming Tha (A Maguse 8-11 fav), 2. Vasga (14-1), 3. Dont Teil The Wife (5-1) 8 ran NR Powder Boy 51, 13 I D Nicholson Tote £1 60, £1 60, £2 60, £1 30 DF, £16 00 Tho £18 20 CSF £11 68 Tridget £38 14

DF. £16.00 The £18.20 CSF £11.68 Theat £28.11.

Theat £28.11.

2.40 (2m chi 1 Newhall Prince (Gary Lyory, 9-4 fay), 2. Early Drinker (5-2), 3. Colonel Cot (7-1). 8 ran, 3. 11. A Streeter Tote £2.30, £1.10. £2.50, £2.30 DF £3.30 CSF £7.73 Theast £28.00

3.10 (3m 21 110vd helse), 1. Hoodwinker (A Dobbin, 8-11.2 Copper Coll (20-1), 3. Old Money, £3-11. 4, Now We Know (7-1). Apachee Flower 9-4 fay 18 ran 8, 144 W Jenks Tote £6.00 £1.30 £5.50, £10.70. £2.20 DF, £10.90 The £20.00 CSF £151.33 Theast £4.610.53

3.40 (2m 41 chi) 1. Shrining Light (A Maquire, 7-2 priavi), 2. Prinburiey Place (7-2 priavi), 3. Veryed £2.25; (6-2), 16 ran, 174, 44. D Nichotson Tote £4.20; £1.90, £2.00, £2.30 DF £10.30, The £8.30 CSF £16.68.

4.70 (2m heller), Sounds Like Pun (6 Fiyer, 6-1), 2. Natachors (6-1), 3. Potter's Gale (4-7 fay), 17 ran NR Metylin Magor 81, 71 Mass H knight Tote £5.90, £1.60, £1.10 DF £23.10 The £5.90, £1.60, £1.10, £1.10 DF £23.10 The £5.90, £1.60, £1.10 DF £23.10 The £5.90, £1.00, £1.10 DF £1.

### Piecepot: £21 80. Quadpot: £5 10.

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Going, good to soft
1.20 (2m. it. 110yd hidle) 1. Hightown
Caratier (J Hams, 9-2) 2 Heirs Alking (14-1),
3, Tickerty 9 Gitt (3-1 lav) 12 ran NR Star
Market Shind 1.28 R Hodges Tote 25.90,
62.90, 63.90 EF 639.90 The 647.30
CSF 956.62 Tickesth (193.60
1.50 (2m. 11 radiel 1. Soothish Wedding (3u.y.)
Lewis 33-11 C, Coast Along (11-2), 3, Vetant
Toels (4-7 tau, 16 ran 12), 31-W Clay Tote
644.30, 64.50 EF 90, 61.30 DF 626.90 Tic
643.30 CSF 90.11 T5
2.20 (am.2) 110yd ctr. 1 Killeshin (S Curran,
12-11), 2, Socioppi De Valmort (12-1), 3,
Brackerised (14-1) Surfacy Bay 3-1 tay (felt)
11 ran 3, dist H Manners Tote 61.250
12.00 CSF 911 GP DF 629 To Tic
620 (2m. 3) 110yd 1, Charpassi (0
Dedgastler, 7-4) 2, Tom Pinch (50-1), 5,
Hangeng Grove (50-1) Master Morose 13-8
tay (felt) 12 ran, NR Another Hubblich,
Sodder-B 254.41 M Pop Tore 93.00 E1.10,
13.60 (15-50 DF 639.50 Tice 93.60 CSF
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CSF 524 76 Tracest 5130.99
3 50 (2m it holie) 1 All Clear (D Bridgwater, 71) 2 Lake hamba (Evenster) 3, Albov (16-1) 12 rar NR bing's Gold 21 (6 M Pper fore 57.10, 52.30, 15.60, 53.40 DF 58.60 Inc (60.50, 555 £14.45 Tracest £111.31, 4.20 (2m it help) 1, Dress Dance (Sophie Mischell 20-7) 2 Goldings (14-1) 3 Society Guest (12-1) 5 ports View 4-1 lay 13 ran NR Misstahl 7, 1 vil 1 N Midchell Tote 525.90 £170, £4.00 £3.20 DF £19£.50 Tho £3.92 20 CSF £24.96 3 Tracest £3,165 15 inchests. Net went People of \$2,174.00 Jackpot Not won, Peol of £9,174.09 carried forward to Kempton Park today Placepot, £411.00. Ouedpot £62.70. Lingfield Park

1 00 (fr. 3):1 Todd (A Clan: 11-4): 2, Jack 1 00 (fr. 3):1 Todd (A Clan: 11-4): 2, Jack 1 00 (fr. 3):1 Todd (A Clan: 10-2):1 Syran 1 00 (fr. 3):1 Todd (A Clan: 10-2):1 (fr. 1 CT 90 In 12:30 In 12:30 In 12:30 In 13:30 In 17:30 In 17:30 In 18:30 In 18: 248 44 Tricast £465 30
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Going: Slandard

### CATTERICK

THUNDERER 1.20 in Good Faith. 1.50 Beggars Banquet. 2.20 Malawi. 2.50 Trevveethan. 3.20 Political Tower. 3.50

### GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.20 NORTHERN ELECTRIC CHARITY CHALLENGE 1224 ROYAL EXPRESSION 66 (D.F. labs M. Revolley 11-5
19 GREENRAY LADY 51 (D.G. labs - 8 Emplanco 11-0
00 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 8 Labs - S. smd 10-12
00 BOLD 10-9 56 M/9 Rotuell 10-12
COOL TACTICIAN 101F C Parks 10-12
00 ENCLOWED COTTAGE 111F M. Hastemand 10-12
5 ENFOLDING THE REBIL 51 M. Hammond 10-12 

### 1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier, £2,870: 2m 3i) (12)

3-1 Royal Expression 7-2 in Sood Path 4-1 Eurolink The Robel 6-1 Three Wild Days, 7-1 Greenway Lady, 6-1 Faccan 10-1 others

NOVICES HURDLE (Quairier, \$2,870° 2m 3l) (12)

1 4-61 BRANCHER 34 (CD.P.) Horton 5-11-10
2 -112 BEGGARS BANDLET 52 (F) P Beaument 6-11-0
3 D BRIDLE PATH 8 M H Eadury 5-11-0
4 00 CASTLE RED 34 J Waste 5-11-0
5 -30 CONDRIAME 5 8 M Ware 6-11-0
6 -403 MONYMAR 14 (F) M Farmand 6-11-0
8 -0-0 OLIVER 5 MATE 14 P Dennis 6-11-0
9 -380 MISS LAMPLIGHT 13 F Marting 6-10-9
10 F POLY STAR 9 L Lump 6-10-9
11 3124 RACHAEL 5 DAWN 46 (F) J Eyre 6-10-9
12 B-00 STORMHELL AMAZON 88 T Zae 5-10-9
13 Garmin 9
14-1 Evens Beggars Banquet, 7-2 Merwillan 6-1 Branchet 7-1 Fachaul's Down, 10-1 Mass Latterlant, 12-1 Conditioner, 13-1 others

### 2.20 STAYERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,753 3m 11 110yd) (8)

1 8011 IAALANN 14 (8.6.5) W Bethall 6-1(-3 A 5 5mith 94 2 2 412 RUSSIAN CASTLE 34 (6) J Wate 7-11-11 B AM Dayer 84 A 720 FEBOON HAUGH 7 9 Chesthops 6-11-5 B Haiding (3) 88 A 720 FEBOON HAUGH 7 9 Chesthops 6-11-5 D Pexer (3) 90 UIB- ROSE'S ORPHAN 319 0 Todd 12-11-5 B K Jones - 8 Supple - 8 CU FESHTING TROUT 64 (6) Macch 4 Embraces 9-11-0 J Ryan (5) 11-10 Malan 4-1 Former's Hand 5-1 Russian Castle 7-1 Tempte Garile 8-1 Haddon Haugh, Master Of Trey 12-1 others.

# 2.50 DINSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,070 2m 3i) (14)

Almentar 10-1 Neve de Labo, Toll Sooth 14-1 others

### 3.20 STOKESLEY HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,230: 2m 3f) (7) 1.122 POLITICAL TOWER 41 (C.G.S.) R Phon 9-12-0 M Dwyer 93
1.12-3 ISSYM 89 (G.D.G.S.) M W Exterpr 9-11-9 R Garnity 90
1.12-3 ISSYM 89 (G.D.G.S.) M W Exterpr 9-11-9 R Garnity 90
1.12-4 JUST FRANNE 34 (C.F.G.S.) Mrs M Riveley 1.-11-4 P News 89
1.12-5 PROOPICE RUN 6 (V.G.S.) G.R.Chartes 11-11-1 PROOPICE RUN 6 (V.G.S.) G.R.Chartes 11-11-1 T Reed 93
1.12-1 CROSS CANNON 7 (BF.F.G.) J. Hellers 10-11-1 T Reed 93
1.12-1 RATHER SHARP 38 (C.F.S.) (Fopham 10-10-0
1.12-1 T Descombe 51
1.12-1 T Descom

5-2 Political Town: 3-1 Cross Carmon 4-1 Issum 5-1 Prezione Run 6-1 Just Franke 3-1 Wan tou There, 20-1 Ramer Sharp

### 3.50 COWTON HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,822, 3m 1) 110yd) (8) 1 2:35 LIEN DE FAMILLE 55 (C.F.S.) 2 Quint 6:11:10 M Dayer 89 2 4:0 DESERT MIST 31 (B.F.G. Miss 1 Frain 7:11:9 D Bendey - 2 LIT11 MASTER OF THE ROCK 32 (V.C.D.F.G.S.) 3 Master 7:13:7 4 - 3PP TROODOS 34 (CD.F.G) Mar. 5 Auctor 10-11-2 Electron (2) 9.1 5 - 222 SINGLESOLE 48 (F.G.S) Mar. 5 Auctor 10-11-2 D Willerson (3) 6 - 223 NRGLESOLE 48 (F.G.S) Mar. 6 Sylvanor (6) 10-2 R Marriery 6 - 121 NRGLESOLE 30 (6) 9 Pacement (6) 10-2 R Gratter (7) 9.4 7 - 1PM GOLDEN NUGGET 31 (6 S) 5 Autor 2-10-9 L Wiyer 93 8 3PSP STRONG MEASURE 13 (6) 2 Checkbough 5-10-0 R Supple -7-4 Master (1) The Rock 7-2 Singlecole 9-2 Golden Nugger, 6-1 Lieu de Fahalle 7-1 New Charges 8-1 Tipodos 12-1 pareis

### **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS, J Domn, 4 withers both 14 minutes 23.6% L Lucioc 19 from 36, 21 85, Mirs F Sty 3 from 11, 21.2% N Trailer, 8 from 35, 22.9%, Mirs M Revelor, 22 from 102, 21.6%, J Norton, 5 from 16, 7%, 23.5% of 16.7%, 23.5% of 16.7% of HOCKEYS, A S Smith, 13 canners from 42 rides, 31 03., 5 Callayten, 3 from 10, 30%, 41 Dayte, 19 from 64, 25 7%, P times, 17 from 52, 25 5%, 4 Dobbin, 12 from 77, 15 6%, 1 Reed, 10 from 80, 15 0%,

### Blinkered first time

CATTERICK BRIDGE: 1.20 Bold Too Loedons Park, Mago Shurfe SOUTHWELL: 2.10 Marula Bay, Summer Villa, 4.10 Cont. Ser. Caught

### SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 1.40 Lochbule, 2.10 Hawwam, 2.40 First Maite, 3.10 Manful, 3.40 Hard Love, 4.10 Cashmere Lady. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.40 Flirty Gertie.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW, 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 1.40 OYSTER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,676: 71) (11 runners)

1 ODD - HENRY WESTON 36 P Howing 4-9-0
1 CLOCKRIME 450 J ENSIGE 4-9-0
3 KD MAN OF MAY B IL LENNIGER 4-9-0
4 CD MAYARMS 29 B MCM-Ros. 4-9-0
5 44-8 MORTHERN GREY 9 J Bern 4-9-0
6 ODD - OUR ROBERT 102 J Togge 30 -4-9-0
7 O PUSHAA FARR 31 T Action 5-4-0
9 OF TABLE DERI 484 W 0 GETTA 4-9-0
10 320 FURTY CERTIE 96 A Bod 4-8-9
11 65-0 SD NATIRAL 168 J MAIN 4-5-9
12 Reformer 5-1 Senior 4-9-0
13 February 6-1 Senior 4-9-0
14 February 6-1 Senior 4-8-9
15 February 6-1 Senior 4-8-9
16 February 6-1 Senior 4-8-9
17 February 6-1 Senior 4-8-9
18 6-0 SD NATIRAL 168 J MAIN 4-5-9
19 February 6-1 Senior 4-8-9
10 1 Senior 4-8-9
11 6-0 SD NATIRAL 168 J MAIN 4-5-9 J Quant 10 R Cochrate 1 6 McLaughlin 1 6 Carter 6 C sague (5) 5 Emma 3 Gorman 2 J Wester 7 Fortune 11 5-2 Rafy Genie 3-1 Square Beel 4-1 St. Mahral 3-1 Oct Action -1 "Enformery, 8-1 Maybook, 10-1 others

### 2.10 HALIBUT APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES (£2.572 1m) (7)

1 DO-2 HAWWAM 14 (CD.BF.F.G.S) 5 April 16-8-13 2 00-6 CHADLEIGH LANE 7 (V.C.G) R Hollmoreed 4-6-10 F Lynch (5) 5 3 0-30 NO SUBMISSION 9 (V.C.D.&F.G.S) 2 Chapmas 16-6-15 4 30-3 MISS ZANZBAR 9 (0.F) 1 % Funey 4-5-5 L Newton 1 5 00-0 ARECOSO 14 J Partes 48-8 f Havin 2 6 480- MANILA RAY 311 (8.F) J Pung 6-5-4 (0 Summers; (5) 3 7 00-0 SURMER VILLA 12 (8 00 6) 5 feature 4 7-13 21 Burd 7 9-3 Mess Zincobar, 5-2 Messham 7-2 No Submission, 4-1 Coentrol care, 9-1 Summer Villa, 29-1 Marvle Say, 25-1 Arction

### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS R Avenuts 6 senses from 30 names 30 (5 M O'Gorman 3) from 174, 17.85 J Filtreerald 20 from 121 16.55 M Haigh, 18 from 115, 15.95 T Earton 30 from 27 14.75 M Camacho 12 from 85 14.15 R Guest, 4 from 39 13.85 J Berr, 30 JOCKEYS J Wester 34 minors from 194 ndes 17.5%, Tibes, 19 from 101 17 8. Horizon 17 from 101, 16 35., C Dayer, 2 from 19, 16 75. R Cochene, 23 from 141 16.35., c minor 0 Gorman, 25 from 164 15.2%, J Tale, 12 from 36 14.0%, Alex Greates, 23 from 176, 13.1%, D Mackedom, 35 from 254, 13.0%

### 2.40 SHARK HANDICAP (3-Y-0; £3,132-6f) (11) 1 00-2 FIRST MAITE 14 (B.G) S Sawing 3-7 . . . C Teague (5) S 2 20-1 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 14 (CD F G) R inclinated 9-7

5-1 First Maile 7-2 Westman's Weigh 5-1 Castle Governor, 6-1 rend of Eq. of 7-1. Shocken Earth 9-1 Bit of Bother 10-1 Shift; Nagro 12-1 others

# 3.10 OCTOPUS HANDICAP (£3,118 1m 4b (č) 1 000 BAUSELIA 95 (0.5) D Nicholft 5-9-10 Alex Orenies 5 005 CROSS TALK 87 (F) R Hallechear 3-3-5 Thirs 1 5 1-6 PREMIER DANCE 13 (0.6) (1 Harm Jone) 3-0-5 A Michay 7 005 HULLSANK 13-6 (F) Y Hand 6-9 Dre Gason 0 5 22-0 MANRUL 11 (R) J Mathemati 4-1-4 R Commune 6 0-6 AINSTOP 17 (C.G.) R Archivar 2-3-1 R Commune 6 0-6 AINSTOP 17 (C.G.) Reference 2-3-1 Report 6-7 (C.G.) (3-6 mm) 0 9-5-3 Review J Weaker 2 004 RECORD LOVER 95 (C.G.) 14 Charmer 6-7-12 P Fessex (5) 1

### 13-4 Mindred Brode G-1 Anistop, 4-1 Matteans, 5-1 Chempitals 7-1 Anistra Pance 9-1 Market 10-1 orders 3.40 LOBSTER SELLING STAKES

(£2,607, 1m 3t) (9) 1 1-33 SARASI 9 (C) M Camado 4 3-4 2 00 BALLYRAG 573 9 Fano 5 3-1 3 6-05 E45TL569 9 (C 6.5) 5 Holtmore 2 7 9-2 4-14 WARHURST 9 (C 6) D Monoto 5-9-, 5 50-2 SHARP GAZELLE 14 (F) 8 Secti 6-6-1 6 45-0 MARD LOVE 17 (G) J Erre 4 5-5 1 00-0 MOZED MODO 7 (C 6) B LIEVEN (D 5-5 5 P. PERBYON PE 500 4 Memory a 5-5 Alex Greates 2 S Contrare 4 S Capton 9 5 D. PLEAPION PIE 580 A Maritas 4/8-8 9 040 SOMETHING SPEEDY 223 (G) P. Sector 4 a.s. 24 Serae, 414 Warterst, 94 Sastleigh, 64 Marcitic  $\epsilon$  , 74 stuff Samilli Something Decely, 164 Mass Mond, 164 letters

### 4.10 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE

SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier £3,160, 7f) (9) 

5 00-4 DON'T SET CAUGHT 11 (8) J I Harrs 4-9-4. J F Egon J 6 0-54 AQUADO 4 (6:CD)F (6) S Bowring 7-9-9 C Texpor (5) 6 7 02-0 OUNCE MARTEN 15 (M.CD) (1) Fayed Jergs (5)-6 T Volumes 5 8 0-48 EQUARMA 4 (M.CS) (8 Hottleshead 5-5-7) C Monday (7) 9 9 05-4 SEA GOO 4 M Chapters 5-8-1 C Monday (7) 9 11-4 So Amazing, 7-2 First Gold, 4-1 Cashmere Lasty, 5-1 Doct Set Caught, 7-1

### England and France lead pack in championship pay stakes

# Little parity in wealth of nations

THE negotiations are over and rugby union's contracts, apart from those in Wales, are signed. Players can now concentrate on the business of playing. Tradition and pride apart, there is much, financially to play for in the first

championship. Discussions between the international squads and their respective unions continued throughout the autumn and several deadlines for signature passed as the fine detail was worked out. The end product reflects the respective strengths of the competing countries and their playing record over recent years. England, and then France, emerge

does not take into account commercial opportunities. playing field among the five nations. Closer analysis, how-ever, reveals the glaring discrepancy in what teams are

England and France, the most successful sides in recent years, enjoy by far the largest retainers, E24,000 and £20,000 respectively. Twickenham's largesse is commensu-rate with the side's achievements and, coupled with match fees of £2,000, means that England players will earn £6,000 for each of this season's internationals. The Rugby Football Union (RFU) is the only union not paying a win bonus, which may indicate a belief among the players that, in a period of transition after the World Cup, victories might be hard to come by. The cost to the RFU, depending on the size of the squad, will top £1 million. While the contracts of the

four home countries covers only the period until the end of March and a maximum of six matches, France's includes the summer tour to Argentina. culmintaing in the second international, in June — in total, II matches. The players stood to gain a one-off bonus of £22,000 if they had gone through the season unbeaten, but the defeat by New Zealand means that cannot be won. However, they still stand to

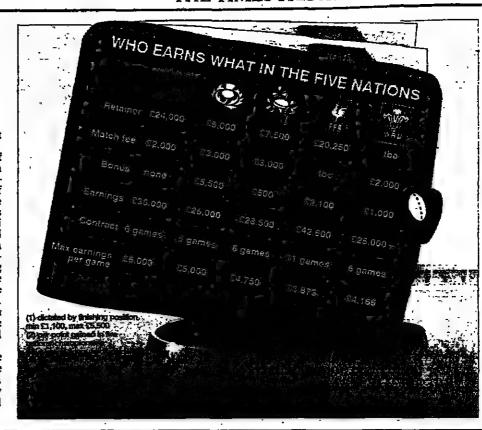
receive an average bonus of £2,100 per victory, although this will be adjusted according to who is beaten. No doubt, an England scalp at Parc des Princes, their first in the championship since 1988 francs. Built in is an extra bonus of about £2,000 for winning the grand slam. The players have also been guaranteed eight free tickets for matches, and the opportunity to buy 25 more. Where the France players make significant sums is through their clubs. A top international, like Thierry Lacroix, can earn more than FFr25,000 a month taround £3,300) on top of his

At the other end of the scale come Ireland and Scotland. The Ireland retainer is £7,500, Scotland's £2,500 less, which highlights the relatively impoverished financial state of those unions. The Scottish Rugby Union, for instance, is known to be experiencing financial difficulties and has

federation contract.

pay what it could not afford. Ireland have a maximum of 30 players on contract with Scotland 23, with both countries paying match fees of £3,000. The earnings of the Ireland players includes fees for the matches against Fiji and the United States, and players will earn £500 for each point won in the champion-ship. Scotland are not paying a straight win bonus, but one based on their position in the table at the end of the season. If they repeat their grand slam of 1990, they will receive

£5,500, decreasing by equal amounts of £1,100. Wales's players are finalising their deals, have been paid fees of £2,000 a match against Fiji and Italy



# Moment of truth for potential dictators

By Gerald Davies

IF ANYTHING can be said with certainty about a five nations' championship more open to questions and lack of confident prediction than usual, it is that the stand-off half will become the focal point of every country's attention in the weeks ahead.

Come the aftermath of any match, he will find himself in the vortex of either blame or praise. Upon his slight frame rests the exaggerated triumphs and disasters of his team. Particularly the disasters, which the player soon finds are a more solitary and isolating experience than shared success

This emphasis will be out of proportion, of course, but then, every player who wears the No 10 jersey understands this to be his destiny or he might as well retire to the open wastes of the wing or reshape his career so as to be within



the anonymity of the pack of

Therein lie a couple of necessary qualities: sassiness and a thick skin. No stand-off half worth his salt, whatever his other talents, can be without them.

Can we be sure that those who play in that position for their country this season have not only the cocksure mood to manipulate events but also to determine their teams' style of

There is much talk of style, which quite often in these islands can bear as much resemblance to fiction as to fact, as witnessed in the present preoccupation with the word "entertainment". This serves only to distract a

Efficiency and effectiveness come first, not in any readymade, premeditated sense, but in doing the right thing at the right time, either through the cohesiveness of the team or the brilliance of a single player. Much will depend on the grasp that the stand-off half

has of a particular game. tomorrow, only Eric Elwood.

of Ireland, can be said to have a settled pedigree; at least in experience if not in consistent appearances. Thierry Lacroix, of France, has been a centre. as has been Gregor Townsend mostly for Scotland, and every weekend for Northampton. Paul Grayson plays only his second game for England. In addition, while Neil Jen-

kins remained indisposed through injury, Arwel Thomas played his first game for Wales against Italy on Tuesday, when he displayed a naturalness in the position that will bring him into con-tention for selection against England. However, there is not much to go on.

The stand-off half should define his team's strategy while, at the same time, leaving himself room to play on the hoof. All of England knew where they stood with Rob Andrew, as did New Zealand

Brian Price, the former Wales lock and captain, refers to as the geography of the pitch. Thus, the stand-off half sets boundaries within which the game must be played — here an up-and-under, there a diagonal punt, here the back row can have his inside pass, there the centre to chance his arm -rather than using the speed, flight and angle of the ball to determine the next course of action regardless of which square patch he occupies at any particular time. If they gave the appearance of inflexi-bility, both Andrew and Fox played the tactics required of them with rare accuracy and accomplishment.

Yet the very best stand-off half belongs to neither the one category nor the other. He is an amalgam of both. It is where he chooses to place the emphasis that defines him.

England and New Zealand had such powerful forwards as to dominate a match. Their stand-off halves played to them, but what if the irresistible force met the immovable object? It was New Zealand who first posed the question and who promptly supplied the answer in the World Cup last summer. Rugby's tactics

had to shift. The inclusion of Andrew Mehrtens declared his team's intentions. Here was a player endowed with all the other essential qualities of kicking and passing, and also the instincts of an attacking run-ner. He is not of New Zealand's usual mode, but then nor are their present tactics. For them, the geographical





Lacroix converted centre

game for the moment has gone: speed, support and an-gles of running create the pressure nowadays, not the grinding accumulation of

Who in the five nations' championship will follow that example? Which of the countries will break down the predictable lines of pressure? Furthermore, who will do away with the division that sees the backs playing a secondary role to the primacy

You shall not have the ball, the back row seems to say. until we have done with it: and, when you have it, you shall place the ball in such a



position that we can play with it again. The stand-off half complies, but, because the ball returns so slowly, it limits his options to do anything else.

England, having grown comfortable with the style, will consequently find it the hardest to change. For the championship this season, they may not need to, but, if they have greater ambition, they may soon have to. For the time being. Grayson, as he showed against Western Samoo, is a confident operator. So is Elwood, who can be expected to follow a similar pattern. France, under Jean-Claude

Skrela, their coach, are accept-

Townsend must adapt fast to his change of position have the personnel to do so.

> They have the talent in the back row and threequarters to ensure that the forwards and backs meld together. However, the onus, inevitably, is on Lacroix, a centre hitherto but who played stand-

> > provincial championship, to make the connection as seamless as possible. Of the other countries, Scotland come nearest to playing the fluid game; but, as so often in the past, they rarely have the playing resources, of suffi-cient power and strength, to consolidate their position.

Because they cannot afford to

be embroiled in continuous

off half in South Africa's



Elwood: settled pedigree

physical confrontation, and preferring the rucking game, the ball emerges from their forwards faster than anyone

Townsend is more of a runner than Craig Chalmers, his predecessor, who may have lacked the necessary speed but who had the fine footballing talent, of brain, boot and balance, to make Scotland tick. It is up to Townsend to do the same. After the World Cup, the

championship needs a lift to combat the continuing dominance of the southern hemisphere. Much will depend on the respective stand-off halves. The pressure is on.

# Lessons of 1971 and all that retain relevance



Gerald Davies looks forward to

a May reunion of one of rugby union's most influential teams

t hardly bears thinking about, but, come May, as we have been reminded, It really is 25 years since Dr Doug Smith, that mixture of hearty irascibility and jovial Scottish roguery, left these shores saying that the British Isles would return from New Zealand having won the international series. He predicted two wins, a loss and, wait for the curious calculation, a draw. Whoever thinks of a drawn match, for goodness

Yet Smith did; and he was right. That is exactly how the final statistics stood when, in 1971, the Lions won a series for the first time in New Zealand. He was the best of leaders, knowing when to loosen the rein, when to tighten. His heart was with his boys but, since a manager needs to keep a minimum distance away in case the riot act needs to be read, not entirely one of them.

Which is as it should be. He is calling us all together again. A celebration is aloot; a of it, in May, in fact; and it is

impossible to resist. The arrangements, it would appear, are well under way. For the inaugural dinner, in Cardiff, there are not enough tables for those wishing to be sponsors of the event. It is a moveable feast, however. So, as the party moves along the M4, there is a golf day before the border is crossed.

A royal dinner awaits in London; and, finally, an atten-dance at the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham, which at one time represented the traditional and emotional fare-well venue before the Lions embarked on the great adventure overseas.

The jamboree has a motive other than an opportunity to take a jar or three and to tell tall tales into the early hours. It is to raise funds for the Wooden Spoon Society, a charity with a strong rugby connection and that supports deprived and needy children. Once the tour starts," Smith writes, "I shall expect a hundred and ten per cent from you throughout ... or you will have to answer to

me." His words cross the distance of a quarter of a century. They might have been said after his crystalgazing at the Park Lane hotel where the 1971 gang gathered. There was a sense then of embarking on an adventure. Each Lions tour seems like that. The prospect stirred the youthful blood. For most play-

ers, it happens in the spring-

time of their age, but it was

also then the springtime of

rugby's own coaching revolu-

tion. In that innocent time, everything seemed possible. No idea was too far-fetched; no option without merit. This lay at the core of Carwyn James's philosophy and was embodied in John Dawes, the

One training session, late in the tour when everyone's reputation had been established and New Zealand were on the run, encompassed a series of multiple scissors and dummy scissors among the three-quarters. The coach did not command us to use it: nor did he consider it as light-hearted shenanigans of a confident team. He merely suggested that the speed of the ball and sleight of hand could defeat the meanest of tight defences. It was for the players to decide. Judgment

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James will be the only one absent at the May gathering. He died 12 years ago this week, at 53 years of age. His shost, though, will hover at the several banquets, just as conscience of every coach who is obsessed with prolonged confrontational forward play and a rigidly planned strate-gy, particularly in Wales, where the natural instinct is

for neither. Much the same could be said of Clive Rowlands, the Wales coach at the time. He promoted, in his different ashion, the coach as a figure to guide not command and for the players to play according

to their will and whim. If, in the piping-hot morning — or, should I say, late afternoon, knowing of the decline since then of Welsh supremacy - the accusation was levelled against England that they played by rote and their thoughts could be anticipated in advance, unhappily. the same thoughts now lie at the heart of Welsh teams, club and national, and need to be

expunged. Cardiff, as the most recent example, were frustratingly predictable against Toulouse in the final of the Heineken

Sentiment, said R.C. Robertson-Glasgow, the great cricket writer, can often make a liar of judgment. True, there is a tendency to peep back-wards through rose-tinted glasses, but not always. Any game's verities should, after all, bestride the generations To this extent, I count myself in good company. Brian Lochore, the manager of the All Blacks during the World Cup, has pointed to the 1971 Lions as influential on the way they nowadays play their fluid game. Dare we follow?

# IOC decides on 'super drug' tests

By JOHN GOODBODY

BLOOD samples may be taken from competitors at the Olympic Games in an attempt to develop an accurate test to detect artificially administered human growth hormone (HGH), known as the "super drug". The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide next month whether to sanction what will be volun-

tary sampling in Atlanta this year. HGH, which used to be obtained from the pituitary glands of dead humans, has been developed chemically and is believed to help the anabolic action of the body and to broaden the bones. It is often used in combination with anabolic steroids. which are detectable though urine testing.

already mandatory for medallists. Two groups of scientists, one in Great Britain, the other in Switzerland, have already been working to try to detect when HGH has been artifically adminis-

The British team presented its preliminary findings at the Berzelius conference in Stockholm last summer. The work has been a collaborative effort between three parties: the Drug Control centre at King's College, London University, under Dr David Cowan: St Luke's Hospital at the University of Surrey, under Dr Derek Teale; and St Thomas's Hospital in London, led by Professor Peter Sonksen.

The Lausanne laboratory believes that it has found a test that measures physiological changes. Dr Marcel Saugy. its director, said that several back-up tests are being developed to measure the presence of other susbstances that become more concentrated when HGH has been injected. A combination of tests would be expected to determine whether HGH had

been artifially administered. Saugy said: "I think we are very close to implementing these tests." However, a possible drawback is a finding by endocrinologists. They have concluded that the stress of Olympic events causes the body to naturally produce high levels of growth hormone. The proposed blood-sampling would help to establish the normal levels of growth hormone in the bodies of competitors. Saugy believes that the level of growth hormone should be monitored in training and compared with

the levels found at leading events.

HGH, which is often used to help undernourished children, is available on the drugs black market. Ten years ago, £50,000 worth of the drug disappeared from the Great Ormond Street hospital for children in London.

# Harris makes point against Nicol

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

DEL HARRIS, whose ambitions for a third British title foundered last weekend on a decision to change his squash shoes when leading his semi-final against Mark Chaloner, illustrated the profligacy of that decision on Wednesday when he led his ICL Lion Herts squad to the head of the Super Squash League with a resounding victory over Peter Nical, the Scot who defeated Chaloner in the national final. Harris, the England No l. overcame

Nicol, ranked two places above him at No 4 on the world list, 15-9, 15-17, 17-14, 15-13 in the 72-minute first-string rubber that finished close to midnight at Herts Country Club in Welwyn Garden City, to conclude a 3-0 win over Cannons Club and displace the previously undefeated London squad at the top of the table.

In what was almost a celebratory victory for three members of the England squad that took the world team trophy for the first time in November, Chaloner defeated Justin Rennie 15-13, 15-11, 15-9 in a 51-minute third-string rubber and Chris Walker defeated Julien Bonetat, the French champion, 15-12, 10-15, 15-12, 17-14

in 66 minutes at second string. Walker, the England captain who reached his first PSA grand prix final when losing to Nicol in the Mahindra Challenge last month, returned hot-foot on Wednesday from New York, where he had defeated Gary Waite, of Canada, 15-10, 15-8, 15-7 in the final of the Appawanis International for his first title

on the professional tour. Harris seemed more intent on making a belated national championship point than in collecting the extra league point

that his dead-rubber victory gave his undefeated club, who have a match in hand over Cannons.

He played with outrageous confidence, striking power kills from the back of the court on either hand and guiding controlled drop shots effortlessly into both nicks, while Nicol was unusually tense and irritable.

Only in the game that he dropped, from leading 8-5 and 12-9, did Harris allow the new British champion to settle to the rhythmic rallying that is the basis of his success. The inventive volleying that served Nicol so well in the national final on Monday was negated by Harris's powerful driving, suggesting that this is a rivalry that will continue into the new

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Liverpool cast-off ponders move

# Clough agrees to transfer talks with Birmingham

NIGEL CLOUGH entered transfer talks with Birmingham City last night. relieved in the knowledge that he has finally become a wanted man. Clough will give Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, a decision today, but, with three other clubs also afford to take his time.

After what has seemed an elernity of idleness for the Liverpool player who once graced an England shirt, there was a flurry of activity yesterday, culminating in a dash down the motorway to talk terms with a delegation from the Midlands club.

Things began to turn around for Clough when Birmingham contacted Anfield in the morning, and offered a total of El million for his services. After long negotiations over the terms of payment, a fee was agreed between the clubs. Clough was then allowed to travel for talks

Fry was happy that the deal had progressed after problems during negotiations in the afternoon. "The fee has been agreed and it will come - one way or another - to £1 million," he said. "I'm encouraged by the fact that Nigel wanted to talk to us and we'll have to wait and see now if we can agree wages with the lad."

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, explained, however, that, although a price had

there were other clubs who could still enter the equation. "We have had interest from one Premiership side, and three from the first division,"

Clough, in fact, may be able to weigh up offers from Manchester City, Wolver-hampton Wanderers and Derby County in the next few days, along with that from Birmingham - surprising, indeed, given the lack of interest in him this season, despite the obvious fact that his Anfield career was over. Clough has started just one game this season. In two years, he has seen his name on the firstteam list less than a dozen

Evans has made it plain that there is no place for the player, signed 28 months ago for £2.275 million. After an Antield career that promised so much on his debut, when he scored two goals against Sheffield Wednesday. Clough is finished at the club. So why has it taken so long for other clubs to become interested? Money is frequently touted as

the answer. Clough earns about £5,000 week, and Birmingham's best offer, even after they take a long, hard swallow, is half that figure. Evans hinted strongly that the player will have to swallow hard himself and reduce his demands if clubs are to be enticed.

Clough, though, is becoming weary of such suggestions.

He is as polite as ever when tackled on the subject, but it is apparent that he is more than a little angered by the insinua-tions that he is allowing greed to stand in the way of his career. He wants to go, he counters, and he is quite. prepared to take a pay cut to ensure first-team football.

"I would be pleased to go, I want first-team football and, if I can find it at the right club, then I would be far happier than playing in the reserves," he said

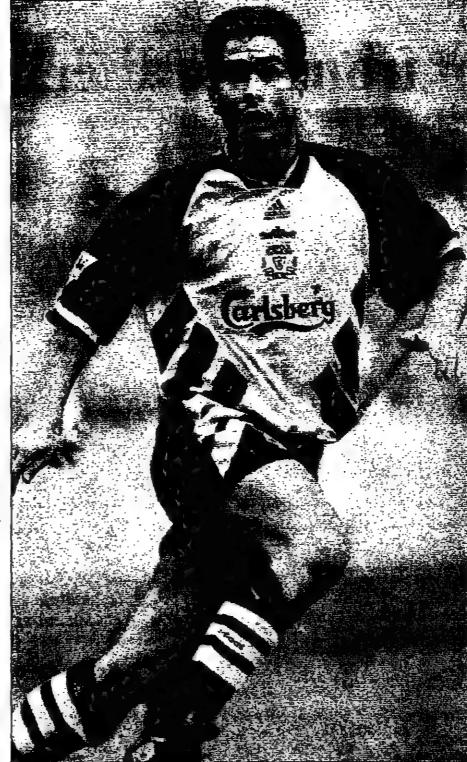
So if money is not the problem, what is? Why is a player of such obvious talent not pursued by other clubs, especially when the fee has been reduced to an affordable ELS million and is dropping all the time?

Watching Clough play for Liverpool reserves recently, an experienced manager of a first division club was shocked to see his decline. It was as if, he reflected, he was not able to come to terms with the physical demands of the sport in its present, athletic guise. He is a player without a position, lacking the pace and physical presence required of a forward, and the robust disposition demanded in midfield, he

concluded.

Now, Clough has the opportunity to begin playing again, even if it is at a lower level. He must prove now that, while he was left stranded in the Anfield station, his time did

not come and go for ever.



After two years in the wilderness, Clough is a wanted man. Photograph: Roger Lings

### Carshalton relish task of ending Woking's supremacy NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

BY WALTER GAMMIE

TO CARSHALTON Athletic, of the lcis League premier division, falls the first crack at dislodging the FA Umbro Trophy from the grasp of Woking the Vauxhall Conference side, which has won the past two Wembley finals, when the Surrey clubs meet at Colston Avenue, in a first round match tomorrow,

John Rains, the Carshalton manager, said: "I'm sure that every other club left in the competition is hoping that we beat them, especially the Conference sides. They're a good side, they've got good individ-uals and are third in the Conference. What we hope is and we can give them one or two surprises, but, if they play to their potential, they will

beat us." It was Carshalton's potential that took Rains there at the start of the season after the long-serving Billy Smith's de-parture to Kingstonian. Rains and his brother, Tony, his assistant, had enjoyed considerable success previously at Dorking and Molesey.

Rains said: "There's the potential on and off the field to get the club into the Conference and I'd love to manage a side that gets there." His experience at Dorking taught him that "everybody has got to be pulling the same way, from the fellow that pumps up the balls or collects the ones that go out of the ground to the chairman". He believes that the ingredi-

ents at Carshalton are right. On the pitch, Rains has mixed young players with the more established. Francis Vines and Andy Salako, brother of John, have scored 39 goals between them while the likes of Eddie Saunders, a

student, provide young legs.
Vines had played briefly for
Woking in their Isthmian League days as part of a restless search for forward talent by Geoff Chapple, the manager. His latest such experiment struck an immediate dividend when Junior Hunt er, 20, a full back released by Kettering Town, scored four times in a remarkable debut that brought Woking a 5-4

win at Morecambe. Vividly recalling Hunter scoring a hat-trick when switched to playing up front for Cambridge United re-serves, Chapple had no hesitation in using him in that role from the start to rest Darran Hay. The trouble is people will now expect that every week," Chapple said, "If he does it, mind you, he'll be worth £2 million." IN BRIEF

### Drago ends mastery of Davis at tenth try

TONY DRAGO, of Malta, gained a measure of revenge for nine consecutive snooker defeats by Steve Davis by beating the six-times world champion 6-2 in the final of the Guangzhou Masters in China yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Drago, a professional since 1985, won the Strachan Challenge, a low-key satellite event, three years ago, but had never previously prevailed against such high-class inter-

national opposition.

Breaks of 79 and 57 earned
Davis a 2-1 lead, but he was denied the chance to capture the 71st title of his career as Drago, who had surprisingly beaten Peter Ebdon 6-3 in the semi-finals on Wednesday. won the next five frames.

### Flesch leads

Golf: Sam Torrance opened with a 70 to lie four shots off the lead in the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Steve Flesch included eight birdies in his 60, six under par, to take a one-stroke lead. Alexander Cejka, fourth after a 69, was the highest-

placed European.

The English Golf Union has been awarded £650,000 from the National Lottery towards the construction and development of the teaching academy at its National Golf Centre at Woodhali Spa. Lincolnshire.

Hopley called in Rugby union: Damian Hop-

ley, dropped from the senior England side after being capped in the autumn interna-tionals, has been called into the England team to play an A international with France in Paris this evening. He replaces Paul Hull on the wing.

Quentin de Bruyn (Diocesan College, Cape Town and Keble) is the new Oxford University captain.

### Auriol signs

Motor rallylag: Didier Auri-ol, whose Toyota team was banned for a year for using illegal equipment, signed for Subaru yesterday. The former world champion joins Colin McRae, of Scotland, the reigning champion, Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, and Piero Liatti, of Italy.

### Boone's chance

Rackets: Willie Boone, the former world champion, leads a strong field for the British over 40s championship at Queen's Club this weekend. He faces a tough challenge from John Prenn, the No 2 seed and defending champion.

# Injuries and suspension threaten Newcastle goal

AT THE death, the FA Cup third round provided some shocks; and at the end of the replays on Wednesday. Newcastle United and Arsenal were left with a season to rescue after suffering the same fate as Blackburn Rovers, who had been knocked out

With a nine-point lead in the FA Carling Premiership, Newcastle still have much to play for, as Sir John Hall, the chairman, pointed out in typically bullish fashion yesterday. "I don't care about being out of the FA Cup because the Premier League title has always been our main priority,"

"We are desperate to be among the elite of Europe, and there's only one way you can do that. This club hasn't won the championship for almost 70 years, but we've never had such a good opportunity to change that. We

were magnificent in defeat against Chelsea, but we must never lose sight of what we are trying to achieve. Wembley can come later. The Pre-

miership is for now." Yet to lose on penalties, particularly after being only 90 seconds away from going through on Wednesday before Gullit's equaliser for Chelsea, could inflict serious psychological damage on Newcastle. Their cup exits to Arsenal and Chelsea in the space of a week have also begun to raise questions about the depth of

their physical resources. On Wednesday, with Lee's Achille tendon causing him to miss the tie, Beardsley was forced to drop back into midfield. Ferdinand's departure with a rib injury left the front line looking equally short. Ferdinand may take some part against Bolton Wanderers tomorrow, but suspensions, too, are causing Newcastle problems. Ginola, who was sent off

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against Arsenal, starts a three-match ban against Sheffield Wednesday in two weeks. Peacock, dismissed for receiving two yellow cards on Wednesday, will serve his one-game

suspension on the same day. With Gillespie injured, the absence of Ginola will mean that Newcastle will lack both the wingers who made such a telling contribution to the club's smooth progress before Christmas. However, just as for Blackburn last year, the fixture list is falling kindly for the Tynesiders. On Saturday when the middle of the Tynesiders. day, when they might be at their most vulnerable, in their third game in seven days, they are at home to Bolton, the bottom club. Newcastle's cup exits mean that they then have a two-week break, giving time for injuries to heal, but Ginola will miss the visit to Middlesbrough. Even so, the signs that Newcastle need to strengthen their squad will not have

escaped Kevin Keegan, the manager. By then, Arsenal will know whether they are through to the Coca-Cola Cup final, which, for one more year, offers a Uefa Cup place. With their league form slipping recently, Wednesday's defeat at Sheffield United means that is their only realistic hope of honours this season, and their most likely route into Europe. Arsenal's approach did not please Bruce Rioch, the manager.
"The manner in which we lost was

just not satisfactory," Rioch said. "All their players were up for the game. Some of ours were, some weren't. If you can't rise to the occasion in the FA Cup, when there is the eventual prize of a trip to Wembley, then that's a situation we have to look at."

Rioch is also running up against injuries and suspensions. Platt, who missed nine games earlier in the season, went into hospital yesterday IOT a lutinet knee operation. At best, he seems certain to miss the game against Everton tomorrow, when Adams and Keown start two-match suspensions. Dixon and Bould are injured and McGowan starts a suspension on Monday. Rioch, who said yesterday that he would intensify his search for signings, may have just as great a need to buy as Keegan.

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### JUMBO SPORTS CROSSWORD

MICHAEL Barnard, of Pinner, Middlesex, is the winner of the Jumbo Sports Christmas Crossword, and he wins a Methuselah of Moët Chandon worth £250. The six runners-up, who each win a copy of the sports book of the year, A Good Walk Spoiled, by John Feinstein, are: Malcolm Cousins, Powys: Tuno-thy Hanton, Reading, Mrs B Odell, Slough: Mr C Hely-Hutchinson, Ludlow, Mr D Willows, Lincoln; Mrs J Kirkby, Manchester.

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### **Federation bans Mason** from skeleton bobsleigh

CECILIA MASON, the lance corporal from Scotland who has broken into the all-male sport of World Cup skeleton bobsleigh racing, was yester-day burned from competing in the world championships in Canada next month (John

Goodbody writes).
Mason, who finished 39th, ahead of nine men, in the first race of the season last Sunday. has also been prevented from competing in the remaining World Cup events, beginning with the race in La Plagne,

France, tomorrow. The rules of the International Bobsleigh and Toboggan

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Federation (FIBT) do not specify that sliders must be male and officials allowed her to take part in the race last weekend in Germany, where she is stationed with the Royal

that the FIBT might act to stop her competing in future events. Mason, 20, said: "We tried to appeal, but it is like hitting your head against a brick wall. I would now like there to be a women's World Cup." In skeleton bobsleigh, competitors hurtle head-first down slopes on sleighs resembling tea trays with runners.

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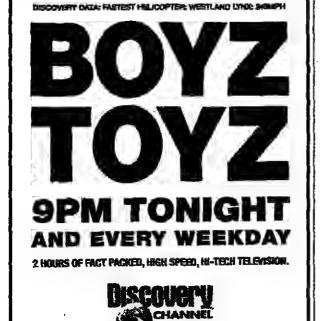
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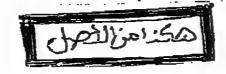
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Support of family and friends helps boxer back for important bout

# Docherty confronts life after death

a young sportsman trying to come to

terms with tragedy

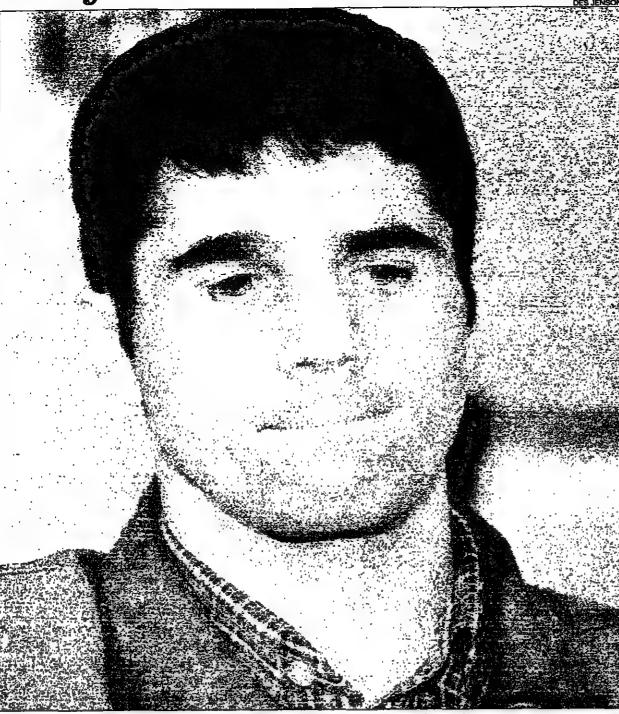
rew Docherty, the British hantamweight champion from Scutland, has the most important contest of his career at Mansfield tomorrow when he meets Daniel Jiminez of Puerto Rico, the World Boxing Organisation champion, It will be his first bout since the death of James Miurray last October, Dochcity was in the opposite corner on that tragic night at the Hospitality Inn. Glasgow.

Ducherty, 30, is carrying on boxing to secure the future for himself, his fiancee. Caroline. and daughter. Rachel, nine months. He also wants to winthe title for Murray. He does not want Murray to be remembered simply as a statistic in the boxing orgunient, but as a hover. Winning the title will give him due recognition. Their hour was one of the best seen in Scotland for a long-

"It was a tremendous fight we had," Docherty said. "We never got credit for it. It would have been the fight of the year. but it was forgotten. It became like a bad dream. I think about Jim. I still remember him. I wouldn't be a good man if I didn't remember him and how good he was that night. I don't think many people realise this. but boxers are very close. That's why they cuddle each other after the bell. When the bell gues, he's your friend

The bout with Jiminez will also show if Docherty's heart is still in boxing — whether he can hit in earnest and is prepared to knock his opponent unconscious. Chris-Eubank certainly was never himself again after Michael Watson suffered serious brain damage in their second bout. Gabriel Ruelas, the former world champion, lost all interest after the death of Jimmy Garcia and was beaten by Azumah Neison, making his conteback at the age of 31.

Barry McGuigan still prays for Young Ali. who died some months after a bout with him in 1982. "My kids and I pray every single night for Young Ali and Bradley Stone and



Docherty believes that the memory of Murray will not interfere with his performance tomorrow

James Murray and Michael Watson and Geraid McClellan," McGuigan said, "In my first fight after Young Aliagainst Jimmy Duncan, I had him in trouble but I couldn't bring myself to hit him again until he hit me with a desperation punch and hurt me. Only then was I on him again."

Tommy Gilmour. Docherty's manager and pro-

moter, whose family has been three generations in boxing. does not know how Docherty will react in the ring, "He's got his humour back; you can see a wee spark, certainly," Gilmour said, "How will it feel to come back to boxing? Who knows? There doesn't appear to be a problem."

Docherty is certain that the memory of Murray will not interfere with his bout tomorenough to hold back and win the world title. If I don't give it row. He does not expect to see my all, I won't win. I don't Murray with every punch, in the way that Richie Wenton want to dwell on what happened. I want to be the world said he saw Bradley Stone in a contest with Neil Swain and champion. I'm sure Jim's up walked out of the bout. there, saying You go out there Docherty said: "I don't think and win this world title"."

Docherty, who comes from I'll suddenly feel like holding back. I believe I'm good Cumbernauld, said that it was enough to win the world title. mainly due to the understandbut I don't think I'm good ing and kindness of Murray's and Kenny, that he was able to recover. "I went to see his father and mother," he said. They told me it wasn't my fault. Boxers and their families know the risks, they said." Docherty needed a month to talk through the tragic events. "Boxing's boxing." he concluded. Tragedies happen and life

has to go on.
"The funeral was the worst," he said, "because it happened with a bang. Trouble is, I didn't think anybody would die in a boxing ring. It never really hit home: but then, when I saw the coffin, it really hit home that somebody had died and I was involved in it.

"It's funny, but you never think it's going to happen to you. I've been involved in the game for nearly 20 years and that's the first time I've ever seen it or been involved in it. Everybody in the village was great. My mother and father.

### When I saw the coffin, it really hit home that I was involved in it'

and neighbours and grannies coming to the house helped

Gilmour said: "He needed time to himself. We had thought about professional counselling, but we found that the best counsellor was the man in the street. The people of Scotland were the counseliors to him. Nobody has ever made a back-handed remark. They always wish you the very best, even the paper-man in the street, and I think that's how you are driven on when you know people are behind you. That's better than any counsellor.

Docherty went back to the gym after six weeks because he had to give his brother. Wilson, a lift in his car. At first. the Glasgow Transport gym. on the east side of the city. looked about as inviting as an electricity sub-station Docherty. However, instead of sitting there "all dressed up". waiting for his brother, he decided to do light work. Gradually, he returned to full training and started sparring two weeks ago.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

**FOOTBALL** 

LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Comnah's

Outy (7:30) BCRD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne v Athlone

(7 45) SCHOOLS MATCH: English girls' Vimito under-16 Trophy: Bridley Moor High School - Archbishop Grimshaw (3 30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British super-learnerweight championship (vacant) P J Gallagner (Wood Green) v Dawby Wichiele (Glasgow) (w: Bracinett)

Stones Championship

WORD-WATCHING

(a) The croak of a raven. Applied to wild geese in the United States (from the Icelandic Krunk — the raven's cry). In the 1878 Cumberland Gloss, we are told that it is the "hollow note uttered by the raven when on the wing".

(b) To make a capon of, to castrate. (From the French chapponer.) A 1890 copy of the New Zealand Herald refers with linguistic belt and braces and double offosity to the "caponing of male fowl birds".

(a) In esoteric Buddhism, a novice qualifying himself for intitiation. (From

the Hindi chela: slave, servant, pupil, disciple and from the Pali cheto: slavet. Sinnet's 1883 Esoteric Buddhism discusses the role of the "chela, or

Shelfield v Wigan (7 30)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGEY UNION

France v England (at Jean Boun Stadium, Paris, 6.0)

(at Blackrock College, noon) . . .

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Bath v Moseley (7.15)
Bristol v Exeler (7.30)
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RADIO CHOICE

# Overture to a composer

Charles Ives Weekend. Radio 3, 7-20pm

Starting tonight and ending on Monday night. Radio 3 throws in its lot with the Barbican Hall in London in paying tribute to the prohific American composer. In Britain, we have been starved of chances to get to know Ives better. Now, we can hear five concerts featuring his work on Radio 3, beginning with this live concert from the Barbican by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis. The works include The Unanswered Question, From the Steeples and the Mountains and The Robert Browning Overture. The last was one of the compositions lives all but discovned. He once threw the score across the floor shouting "It's no damn good!" Judge for yourself whether this Browning version deserved such rough realment.

Kaleidoscope Feature: The Laughing Children. Radio 4. 9\_30pm The repeat broadcast of this helpful analysis of Sir Michael Tippett's opera. The Midsummer Marriage, was not scheduled at random. Tonight sees the second performance of Graham Vick's new production of the opera at Covent Garden, where it was premiered in 1955 Like many operas that eventually gained favour with public and critics. The Midsummer Marriage had mixed notices. Some were may still exist.

Peter Davalle downright hostile. Much of the sourcess was reserved for Tippett's libretto which some critics found incomprehensible. Lynne Walker's Kaleidoscope feature gets rid of any ambiquities that may still exist.

There cannot be many.

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### RADIO

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### WORLD SERVICE

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### VIRGIN RADIO

8.00em Graham Dene 8.00 Fichord Skinner 12.00 Mark Fortest 4.00pm (Ecky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 16.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00

### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air Including Boochenni (Symphony in Elia), Op 35 No 5). Strauss Symphonia domestica), ibeli:s (Finlandia Op 26) Vaughan Williams (The Vagabond The Roadside First: Weber (Clarine) Concerto No 2 in E flat)

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including Rameau (Ciriquieme concert, Places de clavecin en concerts) 10.25 Artist of the Week Sandor Vegh, violin: Beethoven (String Quartet In D. Op 18 No 3) 11.00 MacCunn (The Ship o' the Fierid); Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D.

Háffrier)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Villa-Lobos and Ginestera. Villa-Lobos (Cello Concerto No 1: Urich Schmid; North West German PO under Dominique Roggent): Ginastera (There Danoes, Estancia), Ginastera (Harp Concerto: Rachel Masters; City of London Sinfonia)

1.00pm News; St David's Haiti

1.00pm News; St David's Hell Recital, Douglas Finch, prano plays Chopn (Macurka in 8 flat mmor); Smalley (Variations on a Theme of Chopin); Busoni (Seven Eleges); Scriabin (Two Pierrs); Woller (Guran) Pieces): Wolpe (Guzan): ehende Musil 1. Shoota

kovich (Pieno Sonata No 1) Schools: Let's Make a Story 2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner

3.00 Mining the Archive. Vintage recordings of the music of Aaron Captand including

Clarinel Concerto
4.20 By the Waters of Babylor continues the story of 20th century exile withthe Russian Orthodox Church abroad 4.30 Brazil: Music for Maids and musica gameys explores the nostalgic according-led torra-

music of Dominguinhos 5.00 The Music Machine 1900-1895. Tommy Pearson hysite define the distinctive sound of

5.15 in Tune two from the Barbican Centre in London 7.30 Charles Ives Weekend. See

Choice 8,40 ives in his Place: My Father's Song, Mich Oliver explores the list Charles Ives (1/3) 9.00 Tha Charles ives concert concludes with Halidays

Symphony

9.50 Metamorphoses (Metamorphosed) Seamus Heaney reads Croneus and

Eurodice 10.00 Hear and Now Salan Walker presents a concert from the institute of Contemporary Aris leaturing Seth Josel with Ensemble Expose under Roger Redgale, performing the works of Eric Lyon, James Tenney, Richard Barrett, Martin Bresnick, Christopher Fox, lan Wilhood, Andrew Simpson and David Bedford — 12.00-1.00am Sekt, Smoke, Satire Robert Zeigler Iraces

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### 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope

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11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Joanna Pinnoch
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.55 Weather

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books is adapted in three
episodes by Martyn Wade
(3/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift,
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7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a lopical discussion in Winchester The panellists are Virginia Bottomley, MP, Secretary of State for National Henlage, Jean Lambert, Green Party issues Austin Mitchell, Mi and Earl Russell, Liberal Democrat sockesman in the House of Lords on Social

8-50 Law in Action Marcel Berims

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# Is this the right way up for a boy band?

cluster of prepubescent girls in a Cardiff car park, A girls in a Cardiff car park, so excited that their eyes range about and they jiggle on the spot. "Have you heard of a group called Upside Down?" asks the chap behind the camera. "No-o-o!" they chorus, with the affirmative gusto that usually goes with "Ye-ees!" At this point a minibus containing the boys of Upside Down swings into view and the girls go wild. They run for autographs, get momentarily lost in a mass of hair and baggy denim, and retire agitated and breathless. Already they have sorted out the boys' names and decided which one they fancy. "Giles!" "No. Chris!"
"Giles." "Richard." "Giles." "Chris." From obscurity to fame in a split second is a remarkable thing, and last night's Inside Story (BBCI) saw it happen. As the girls stared briefly at the autographs in

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terprise of launching a "boy band" looked pretty damn sensible at

The making of Upside Down was told in detail from the day of the auditions last spring. Is there a general rule of television that showbiz stories cannot fail? A Band is Born was fascinating -even though the outcome was banal, as was the product. From a mail response of 7.000 hopefuls, two music producers auditioned 250 boys for looks and singing ability. They would invest heavily in this band if the formula was right but first indications were not hopeful. In a sequence well worth preserving on video to show to one's friends, the queue of boys each rendered Love Me For a Reason, and rightly squirmed at their own awfulness. "Don't love me for fun, girl," sang the querulous and flat, in a key of their own invention. "Let me be the one, another van, the whole cynical en- girl." Wannabes in singlets and

torn jeans began their act with twirls, hip thrusts and gel-grip-ping, and then sang like a nanny goat with bronchitis.

But this was not about the broken hearts of 246 boys; it was about the dream for the four -Giles, Chris, and er, the other two. "Do you think you'll be attractive to young girls?" the director asked Chris, and he said, "Yes, definitely." The producers turned down a young man with a terrific voicebecause he didn't have the requisite clean good looks. The producers wanted boys you could eat your dinner off. Which is not such an unpleasant thought, as it turns

Thich one did I like? Well, shucks, I was sort of torn between Giles and Chris. Giles is the more intelligent but Chris is very cute. Also Chris's hair hasn't been tortured as much as



Lynne Truss

But sorry, this isn't irrelevant. While A Band is Born followed these boys through their choreog-raphy and singing lessons (they could all sing) and the making of their single and pop video, it never forgot that these boys were really being groomed to star on bedroom walls, pouting with their shirts undone. That's the fundamental point of boy bands - and in fact of all poor stars except perhaps Elton

entrepreneurial, and not unkind. But when the boys felt embarrassed and vulnerable, posing in thermal underwear for the pop video, their contract with the money-men suddenly looked pretty simister. Just take those trousers off, boys. The girlies will love it. And the gay market will like it too.

As always, the promotional aspect of A Band is Born was worrying. But with most arts documentaries helping to sell something nowadays, obviously it can be difficult to draw the line. I recommend to viewers a double standard which states that it's all right when the product is a book. But when it's a pop record, the public airwaves have been hijacked and it's an abuse of the medium. Readers may remember how Jimmy Nail's series Crocodile Shoes offended comprehensively in this regard. So it is with some

weariness I report that Upside Saunders. "Who are they meant to Down has a single out; it was released last week. And that the Inside Story audience has heard it roughly ten times already, with glimpses of the video and lovely sneak previews of the singers in

Isewhere there was little to write home about. French and Saunders (BBC1) had a disappointing night, with most sketches relying on the joke of recognition. To their credit, they keep the cultural references wide -last night, a viewer was expected to laugh airily "Oh yes, isn't that just like Fellini" while also knowing the Cranherries and Noel's House Party. Jennifer Saunders looks too good in a ginger beard, incidentally — I hope she always remembers to take it off. But it has to be said there are few feelings of dismay equal to the loneliness of not getting it on French and

be now?" are words a nice person doesn't like to frame, for fear of hurting somebody's feelings. Finally, on ITV a pleasant

Survival visited a place of barren rock - the canyons of the American west, where sheer rock-faces. high temperatures and no water would seem to rule out the chance of habitation. But what's this? The camera zooms in on a sign of life. A bobcat lurks; cliff swallows build their gound-like nests. And it doesn't stop there, either. See the rats and hamsters. Goats clip-clop across the boulders. Tree frogs. The mighty eagle, the jack rabbit. By the end of this enjoyable film, those deserted carryons of the American west looked like the animal equivalent of the concourse at Victoria Station. If little mice had also stood up on their hind legs and sung Blue Moon in high squeaky voices, it wouldn't have been the least surprise.

### BBC1

6.00am Business Bresidest (18451) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax)

their grip, and then ran off to

9.10 Kilroy. Topical discussion (a) (2902181) 10.00 News (Ceelex), regional news and weather (7043187) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6156548)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (a)

12.00 News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6292529) 12.05pm Pebble MBI with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (9423635) 12.50 Regional News and weather (13128890) 1.00 News (Ceelex) and weather (59109) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefex) (s) (64297616) 1.50 Banacek. Detective series stanting

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(a) (2642426) 4.30 The Mask. (Centax) (s) (9912074) 4.85 Newsround Extre. A report from Uganda on the efforts to protect mountain gorillas. (Ceefax) (6958258) 5.10 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (a) (7537258)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (179277) 8.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Jermie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (161) 6.30 Regional news magazines (513)

7.00 Gegtag. A correctly quiz for stand-up corrections, chaired by Bob Monkhouse. (Cestax) (s) (4800)

7.30 Torsorrow's World. (Casled) (8) (797) 8.00 Just Good Friends. Cornecty series starting Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis.

(r). (Caelax) (3548) 8.30 A Question of Sport. Sporting knowledge quiz between teams captained by Ally McColat and Bill Beaumont. (Ceetax) (a) (9155)

9.00 Nine O'Clock Mews with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (8722) See of First # 999 Special. (Cestax) (6) (592984)

10.20 Five Nations Rugby, On the eve of the opening matches of the five national championship Eddie Butler is joined by Rob Andrew, Jonathan Davies, Gavin Hastings and Brendan Mullin to preview WALES: 10.20 All Our Lives (401161) 10.50 Five Nations Rugby (537906) 11.15 Film: Internal Altairs (348161) .05am-2.30 Film: Island of Terror (9127285)

10.45 FILM: Internal Affairs (1990) starring Richard Gere and Andy Garcia. A crime thriller about a corrupt Los Angeles policeman. Directed by Mike Figgis (Ceelax) (a)(18384762)

12.40am FILM: leland of Terror (1966) starring Peter Cushing, Edward Judd and Carole Gray. A chiller about a scientist who discovers a secret cancer research laboratory that is dumping boneless bodies and mutations on an island off the Irish coast. Directed by Terence Fisher

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### BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Taking on the Chunnel (30161) 6.30 Hotpoint (19093) 7.00 Breakfest News (Ceelax) (6246635)

7.15 Lassie (3297513) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (7351088) 8.05 The Resily Wild Show (r) (s) (5304884) 8.35 The Record (a) (9668819) 9.00 Consuming Passions (r) (6518529)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Job Bank (6002068) 9.15 Teaching Today (236890) 9.45 Watch (3220971) 10.00 Playdays (5886) 10.30 Cata Eyes (1931074) 10.45 Numbers Plus (1936529) 11.00 Look and Read (5772991) 11.20 Short Circuit (9616529) 11.40 Belief File (5220884) 12.00 English File(61631) 12.30pm Worlding Lumch (35432) 1.00 Scene (40451) 1.30 Showcase (17131277) 1.46 Words and Pictures (17129432)

2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (36543155) 2.10 Sport on Friday. Tennis: the Australian Open; Siding; men's and women's downhill from Switzerland and lialy (s). News and weather at 3.00 (101180) 3.55 News (Ceetax) and weather (5207155)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (426) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (838) 5.00 Esther. A studio discussion on contact with the deed (s) (5906)

5.30 The Village, A crisis at the pub leaves Alison the bermaid in charge (178548) 5.55 My Village. Grewelthorpe in north Yorkshire (s) (896093)

6.00 The Munsters (b/w) (Ceelex) (465628) 6.25 The New Avengers starring Patrick Macnes (r) (Ceelex) (434513) 7.15 Electric Circus (s) (636513)

7.30 Sounds of the Eightles. Musical nostalgia (Ceetax) (s) (567) 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Feeturing the Caminoe del Incas race in Peru (C

(s) (4890) 8.30 Gardening from Scratch, Simple water teatures (Ceefex) (a) (7797) 9.00 Rub C. Naubät. Wit and wadom with the

philosopher (Ceetax) (s) (5364) 9.30 The Fast Show (r) (Cestax) (s) (59068) 10.00 The Real McCoy (Ceafex) (s) (11190) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (243906)

11.15 Fentany Football League. With Deemond Lynam and Roger de Courosy (s) (315906). WALES: 11.15 Lobby (845548) 11.45 Fantasy Football League (314277) 12.20 Northern Lights (4705391) 1,00-4.00 Film: A Brighter Supress Per Summer Day (6930198)

11.45 Weether (281859)



Alan McKee as Davey (11.50pm)

11.50 Mortnern Lights.

12.30mm FiLM: A Brighter Summer Day (1991) starring Zheng Zhen. Epic about growing up in 1960s Taiwan, Directed by Edward Yang, In Manderin with English subtitles (6169759). Ends at 3.30

### CHORE

RBC1. 7.30pm Scheduled dauntingly against Coronation Street, Tomorrow's World continues to carry the brave message that science is more the brave message mar science is more riveting than soap opera. The series never fails to come up with intriguing ideas, though you wonder how many of them will actually make it. Perhaps a follow-up programme now and again would be instructive. Meanwhile, Vivienne Parry reports on how computer-aided design is being applied to dentistry. The benefit could be made to measure fillings, put together in seconds and guaranteed not to fall out. In the United States a company has devised an automated security gate that uses the heat from a person's face to identify them. Since

no two people have the same thermal image, the system is said to be foolproof.

**Gardens Without Borders** Channel 4, 8.00pm

Englishmen abroad Alan Mason and Will Giles continue their tour of the Iberian Peninsula and uncover more gardens that the package tourists are likely to miss. At Lloret Del Mar, a favourite spot for lying in the page. the sun, Giles forsakes the beach and the bronzed bodies to droot over the garden of bronzed bodies to droot over the garden of Pinya da Rose, with its rich collection of cacti. Then it is off to Cap Roig, to run the camera over a plant collection built up by a White Russian and his English wife and later passed on to the Spanish nation. Finally, Barcelona yields an avant-garde concept garden by Antonio Gaudi, creator of the eccentric Catalonian cathedral, and a private garden containing the largest maze in Spain. garden containing the largest maze in Spain. If Mason and Giles sometimes offer more anthusiasm than substance, there are plenty of feasts for the eye.

Sea of Fire: A 999 Special BBC!. 9.30pm

The latest reconstructed emergency concerns the Orleans, a Greek oil tanker, which in 1986 collided with a trawler in the North Sea and burst into flames. The 32-strong crew was trapped on board, unable to reach the bifeboats. An RAF helicopter braved the gales to offer its help. Usually on these programmes the rescue, while heroic and full of nail-biting incident, is relatively straightforward. In this case everything went wrong. Mel Ward, the helicopter's winchman, was lowered on to the ship but lost his rescue line. His colleagues were forced to abandon him. He, in turn, feared that they had perished after a snapped cable threatened to disable the helicopter's rotors. And the Orleans started drifting towards an oil platform. Actors and participants combine seamlessly to bring a very nasty episode back to life.

BBC2. 11.50pm

It seems there is no getting away from politics in Northern Ireland, even in a project to encourage the province's film-makers. Two of the three short films in this compilation are set around the Orange Order's July 12 celebrations, though neither, it should be said, is remotely propagandistic. John Forte's neat comedy is about a man who buys a pedigree goat to provide the skin for his Lambeg drums. Initially appalled at the waste of money, which she thinks would have been better spent on a Spanish holiday, his wife becomes fond of the animal and tries to save it. There is comedy, too, in Pat Griffin's tale of a young woman who creates a magnificent cake for July 12, only to have it rejected by the Orangemen for an unlikely reason. The third film, about an aspiring young surfer, proves that it is possible to escape politics after all. Peter Waymark

6 00mm GMTV (2706432) 9,25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4186426) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6069088) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1906364)

10.35 This Morning(57147074) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (61 18513) 12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (6595835) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (4687722)

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3.30 Roele and Jim (s) (2998529) 3.46 Diamey's Pluto (2813884) 4.00 Zzzapi (2647971) 4.15 Bimble's Bucket (s) (8683172) 4.40 Gladiators: Train to Win(Teistex) (7612451)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6982600) 5.40 (TN News and weather (Tele)

6.00 Home and Away(r) (Teletext) (168722) 8.25 HTV News (Teletext) (165155) 6.45 Sportsweck (Teletext) (817187) 7.00 Family Fortunes. The McDowells from Sutton Coldfield compete for cash against the Gallaghers from London (Teletod) (s) (6062)

7.30 Coronation Street, it is the morning after the night before and Denise has some explaining to do (Teleted) (203)



Quirmen goes into action (8.00pm)

as a routine night for the officers at Sun the officers (Teletext) (3258)

0.00 Cutherline Coukson's The Tide of Life. Final episode, in which Emily realises Birch never really loved her but she is determined he will not forget her (ii) (6722)

10,00 JTN News at Ten (Teletext) (11136) 10,30 HTV West Headlines (451548)

10.40 FILM: Evidence of Love (1993), starring Berbera Hershey, Brian Denneity and John Teny. A Texas bible-school teacher's craving for excitement leads to an III-fated affair. Directed by Stephen Gyllenheal (Teleted) (s) (749/7093) 12,25am Hotel Babyton (8)(4708488) 1.05 The Good Sex Guide ... Late

(8111845) 2.10 FILM: The Left Handed Gun (1958, b/w) starring Paul Newman, Lila Milan and John Deimer. Powerful, psychological western which demythologises the file of Billy the Kid, the legendary gunslinger Directed by Arthur Penn. (341339)

3.65 Live from London (1557933) 4.50 Music Box Profile (90974020) 5.00 On the Live Side (24020) 8.30 ITN Morning News (19001)

### HTV WALES

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1.25 Coronation Street (32859971) 1.55 Home and Away (76969971) 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (18997890) 2,55-3.20 Cat Crazy (1666567) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6982600) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (47277)

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12.30pm Sesame Street (28345) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (56971) 2.00 Fit.M: A Fatal Glass of Beer (1933, b/w). A alcoholic classic W.C. Fields

2.25 FILM: The Pled Piper (1942, b/w). A Second World War drama based on Nevil Shute's novel staming Monty Woolley. Anne Bader, Roddy McDowell and Otto Preminger. Directed by Irving Pichel (Teletext) (634093)

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American sit-com starring Shepherd. (Teletext) (s) (1432) 9.30 Rising Demp. Classic boarding house comedy (r) (a) (40364) Wisecracking American comedy.

(Teletext) (s) (11118) 10,30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole. The second in a sh-part comedy series. (Teletext) (a) (425068)

11.05 FILM: The Big Steal (1990). A delightfully awaet and lunny Ealing-style Australian rites of passage comedy starring Ben Mendelsohn. Directed by Nadia Tisse (357819)



Finch and Tuehingham (12.55am)

12.55em FiLM: Girl with Green Eyes (1963, b/w). Based on the novel by Edna O'Brien and starring Rita Tushingham as a young irish innocent who talis for a middle-aged writer, Peter Finch, Directed by Desmond

2.40 How Wonderful. Australian comedy (r) (7324643) Ends at 3.40

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7.00 Sound Sour and Soldier (2006161) 7.01 X-Men (8957277) 7.25 Cracy Crow 535005 T.45 Tive Cure (200527 Crow Power Rangers (56548) 8.39 Press Your Luck (58819) 9.00 Court TV (69371) 9.50 Oprah Winney (68844) 10.39 Concentration Kidding (9364) 8.30 Coppers (5971) 9.00 r, Texas Ranger (28180) 10.00 Star Time The Many Communication (19547) 11,00 Loss and Order (72074) 12,00 Lot Show with David Lotternary (8037391) 12,455mm The Uniformity (8321594) 1,30 The Uniformity (8321594) 1,30 The

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### SKY MOVIES

6.00am That's Entertainment, Part 2 (1976) (6326398) 8.05 Gigl (1958) (74725971) 10.00 Absent Without Leeve (1982) (84722) 12.00 Max Dugan Returns (1983) (774890) 1.55ptn Mrs Doubline (1993) (26382364) 4.00 Clambake (1967) (4619) 6.00 Absent Without Leeve (1982) (31600) 10.00 Trust in Me (1994) (289180) 11.40 Shootingter (1993) (812616)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Come Fit the Cup (1951) (5451) 6.00 King Solemon's Minus (1950) (18797) 8.00 The Bravadon (1966) (13462) 10.00 Android (19626) (72109) 11.30 Interiors (1978) (573160) 1.05em -0.05 Might Chaluter Castal (1978) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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SKY TRAVEL 11.00em Globstroller (4585432) 11.30 American Vacadon (2207616) 12.30pm Frugal Gourmer Cooks kallen (5683600) 1.00 Argund the World (7575109) 1.30 Hawall Cooks (5662971) 2.00 E Rapon (8915797) 2.30 Crusang iha Globe (2116364) 3.00 Getaway (8090432) 3.30-4.00 Kots Down Under (2128109) THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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NICKELODEON 6.68am Huny's Cat (5334425) 8.15 Blue, Child of the Earth (245065) 8.45 Taucin Tes (3156518) 7.80 Betfirk (7157600) 7.85 Grimmy (8974074) 7.45 Nickloth Britishant

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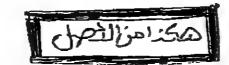
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# Atherton must stand aside for World Cup

**DEFEAT** and frustration were etched into the face of Michael Atherton late on Wednesday night. The limited-overs international series had been emphatically lost to South Africa. he looked nired beyond the point of sleep and spoke almost inaudibly, as he sometimes does when England have lost and he is searching for the words to explain why.

Yet something was different this time. He described his disappointment at the way batsmen had got out through over-eagerness and his unhappiness at fielding lapses, but he did not sound angry. Nor did he sound as though he had just read the riot act to his players. There was no emotion in his voice whatsoever.

Something seems to have died within Atherton during this bizarre two-week travelling circus of one-day matches, which continues, with a sixth game, in East London today. It is, one might hazard, his affection for limited-overs cricket. It might be reborn one day, but not before he leaves South Africa on Monday, nor in time for the World Cup,

which starts on February 14. Atherton has never been well suited to one-day cricket, either intellectually or temperamentally. As a batsman, he was initially ignored by England as too slow a scorer, and, although he has since estab-



Simon Wilde believes a change

of leadership would be in

England's best one-day interests

eschews orthodoxy or embraces innovation. The same could be said of his captaincy. For example, there are times - such as in

Craig White, the all-rounder. will open England's innings with Michael Atherton in the sixth one-day international in East London today. Jack Russell, the wicketkeeper. will bat at No 4.

tial for a side to chase wickets rather than save runs. This runs contrary to one of the main precepts of the limitedovers game, but sometimes it needs to be done. In Johannesburg and Durban, Atherton could not bring himself to do it and from that time those matches were lost.

Another example. Before



Atherton's demeanour in one-day cricket suggests a captain out of tune with that form of the game

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15 Apple drink (5)

16 Snap: interval (5)

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22 Throw over (girl) (4) ; 23 Disprove (6)

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18 Speech for lone actor (9)

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6 Unfortunately (4)

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Drive forward (5)

7 Hurtful (6)

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this series began, Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, the lished himself as an impressive run-gatherer, he rarely England manager, said that they would use it to experi-ment before the World Cup. Yet they have given few opportunities to any but their fa-

Johannesburg last Saturday or Durban on Wednesday voured 14 for that tournament and tried few new tactics. when a one-day match is low-Even the idea of a pinch-hitter scoring and it becomes essencame from South Africa. Atherton is an outstanding batsman and worthy captain in the Test match arena, where players are able to

express themselves in their many different ways. His 11hour resistance to save the Johannesburg Test was a perfect example of that; it was both an extraordinary feat of batsmanship and of leader-ship — but it had nothing to do

with one-day cricket.
The solution is staring evervone in the face. Someone other than Atherton should captain England in the World Cup and possibly in all their other one-day internationals. Nothing but tired old practice says that a country's Test match captain and one-day captain should be the same person. Apart from anything else, a shared role would ease some of the pressure that bears down on a full-time captain obliged to take part in

his side's every commitment. The England one-day players need someone fresh to enthuse them, to give them the passion that is so obvious in South Africa's cricket. They must be encouraged to believe that they can beat any team on the planet. Sadly. Atherton's lack of sympathy for the oneday game has communicated itself to the players to the point that they are no longer sure that they could beat Griqualand West's B team.

There is, moreover, a man at hand who could do the oneday job - Dermot Reeve. Reeve is without doubt the best county captain in England, with six trophies in three years to his credit, four of them in limited-overs competitions. Like Atherton, he captains as he bats, the difference being that Reeve bats inventively, outrageously and unashamedly. Nor would his appointment threaten Atherton's position as Test

captain, because he is clearly not suited to Test cricket. Since arriving in South Africa at Christmas. Reeve has spent little time playing, so it is hardly surprising that he has struggled to shake off the cobwebs from his close season, though he may play in the

Sunday. Atherton should, of course, olay as a batsman under Reeve, though he need not. He might not feel comfortable doing so, and neither might Reeve. On the other hand, it might liberate Atherton as a one-day batsman. Either way, it would be better for the team and for Atherton. England might even win the World Cup. Not only that - under a newly invigorated Test match captain, they might also win a





Pierce strains in vain for the extra effort that would have saved her from defeat by the unheralded Likhovtseva, right, in Melbourne yesterday

# Pierce fails to find champion's touch

FROM STUART JONES TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELICURINE

A YEAR after Mary Pierce won her first grand slam championship at Flinders Park, she typically found another way of making a dramatic, albeit less distinguished, impact here. Beaten by Elena Likhovtseva, she is the first defending Australian Open women's champion, in the Open era, to leave as early as the second round.

Long on power and short on guile, her limited game is based essentially on hit or miss. When she hits, she can be virtually irresistible and never more so than when she dropped only ten games in six matches on her way to reaching the final of the French Open in 1994.

Steffi Graf. the world No I and the last of her victims in Paris, was forcefully swept aside in 77 minutes. When Pierce misses, as has been the case more often over the last year, her armoury can appear to be spectacularly empty. She barely has a defensive

The policy carries a high risk. When it fails, her resistance often falls apart. Her serve tends to go as awry as ber thought process and, never balletic at the best of times, she becomes even more plod-dingly leaden-footed. In brief, she is one of the leading contenders waiting to be

Once she had dropped the first set to Likhoviseva, ranked 47 places below her, she began to flail even harder in panic desperation. She still flirtatious air, hoping to catch the eye of the crowd, but her composed opponent kept on catching the lines and accumulating the decisive points.

Her response to yet another failure was bereft of magna-nimity and dignity. She of-fered no praise for the 20-yearold Russian, who had claimed by far the most notable victory of her career, and instead blamed herself for her 6-4. 6-4 loss within an hour and a

"From the beginning, I never felt comfortable," she iamented. "I was moving really heavily and I made a lot of mistakes. I wasn't nervous. When I am, I usually play better. Nothing was working. I had a really bad day."

Flinders Park results ...

Mana Endo has been attempting for most of her life to beat her Japanese compatriot, KINDKO DATE. I DE up together and have lost count of the number of times they played each other over the years - but, with one exception, the result has always been the same.

Until yesterday, that is. Date, the No 5 seed, had saved two match points and was taking her time to recover from an exhausting raily, in the umpire's view, she took more than the allotted 25 seconds and the official warning disrupted her concentration. She served a double fault

and subsequently bowed out. Endo claimed her only other victory against Date two years ago in Tokyo. That had pleased her. This exhilarated her, even if her opponent had committuded 61 unforced errors to her cause.

Pierce and Date were followed onto the same No! court — apparently a tempo-rary graveyard for the leading figures — by Boris Becker and he was rapidly in even deeper trouble than he had been msi Gre in the week. The No 4 seed found himself two sets down and at 2-2, 0-40 on his serve against Thomas Johansson.

Yet Becker relishes adversity. He seized 16 of the next 19 points and established sufficient momentum to carry him through to his second five-set victory of the week. Arnaud Boetsch could not austain his became the fourth seed to be beaten in the men's singles.

The departure of Pierce and Date has opened up the bot-tom half of the draw for Conchite Martinez. The first seed she is scheduled to meet, Lindsay Davenport, missed seven match points before removing Rennae Stubbs, the last Australian survivor among the women.

The woes of the hosts did not end there. One of their leading lights, Patrick Rafter, aggravated a wrist injury and had to retire, handing an unexpected victory to Mauricio Hadad, of Colombia, and Todd Woodthe top seeds in the men's doubles, lost ignominiously in the first round of their event. The Woodies, who won the US Open and Wimbledon championships last year, collapsed in three sets 2-6, 7-5, 8-10 to an unknown, if clated, Australian duo, Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent, on an outside

# **Cross-city move for Coton**

BY OUR SPOKTS SYAPP

TONY COTON, who has lost his place in the Manchester City team, is expected to join Manchester United today as goalkeeping cover for Peter Schmeichel. A proposed E500,000 move to Sunderland last match of the tour, on fell through earlier this week and yesterday United stepped

in, hoping to make Coton, 34, one of a handful of players to have appeared for both clubs.
"I think Tony will give us the right back-up," Alex Fer-guson, the Manchester United manager said. "He's had a tremendous career and I have always felt that he should bave been England's

David Platt, the England captain, faces another spell

out of the game after exploratory surgery on his left knee erday, the second operation in five months following his £4.75 million move from Samodoria to Arsenal during the summer. Platt, 29, tore a

Clough's next move ... Newcastle defiaut .\_\_\_

cartilage after playing four Premiership games and missed nine matches. Yesterday, surgeons discovered a small piece of cartilage still

floating inside the knee.
"I have not yet been told how long it will be before I am

don't imagine it will be more than a few weeks." Platt said. The unfortunate truth is that I have not been 100 per cent fit for Arsenal even once this

West Ham United took their new year spending to 13.5 million yesterday when they bought Michael Hughes, the Northern Ireland Winger, from Strasbourg for £200,000 and completed a £1.5 million deal with Tottenham Hotspur for The Dumitrescu, the Ronumian internaineal.

Dumitrescu, who must wait for his work permit to be renewed, is expected to make his first appearance against his former club on February

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# England to make most of new talent

PROM DAVID HANDS IN PARIS

COINCIDENCE means little to international sportsmen, but rugby union's five nations' championship starts in Paris tomorrow for the first time since 1988, which, coincidentally, is the last occasion on which England lost to France

in the championship.

Then, as now, England were in the process of change. Les Cusworth, now the backs coach, was in the Indian summer of his playing career and Will Carling playing career and Will Carling played his first international in the ab-sence, through injury, of Si-mon Halliday and John

"I thought it would be only one game for me, that one of the injured players would return," Carling said, reflecting on the one-point defeat with which his 62-cap career



began. One of his primary concerns eight years later is that the recent additions to the side stay and develop into true international forces.

"I love playing at the Parc des Princes and I think Paris will bring out the best in us." he said before England's departure for a loggy Versailles. "I look at the potential of the young guys in the side and see very talented players. We need to harness the skills of the new

players rather than sticking to the plan which worked for the This is probably the bard-

est game we have had against France for several years, but we have to be very positive about it. This is a young side. and we have to be realistic about setting goals for such a team, but, when England have their backs to the wall, they always produce a great

Carling believes that the French plan to play a tactical game, with the transfer of Thierry Lacroix to stand-off half. Jean-Claude Skrela, their coach, has talked total rugby, but his players must first overcome the psychological stumbling block which England, after eight successive wins either at Twickenham or Parc des Princes, represent even allowing for France's

World Cup win in Pretoria last

"They're probably the most dangerous broken-field play-ers in the world, and that's why we have to concentrate so hard when we come here," Carling said, "but they still fear England.

Olivier Merle has recovered from a slight back problem and will take his place in the France second row, where he has become a key figure. Neil Francis and Simon

Geoghegan trained at Old Belvedere yesterday before Ireland's opening fixture with Scotland at Lansdowne Road. Neither a bruised back nor a thigh strain inconvenience the players who, with the rest of their colleagues, will take the field for the first time with the name of the team sponsor — Irish Permanent — on their

Old Moore predicts, page 3 Moment of truth, page 40

Survivors tell of rebel escape as Russian reporters scorn Kremlin claim of 'minimal losses'

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# Yeltsin portrays bloody fiasco as military triumph

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND CARLOTTA GALL IN KEMSI-YURT, DAGESTAI

PRESIDENT YELTSIN declared the assault on the southern Russian village of Pervomaiskoye over yesterday and tried to limit the political damage the bloodshed has caused him by saying that almost no hostages had been

The President, appearing on television for the first time in three days, said that the military operation "has been completed with minimal losses among the hostages and our men". However, there was widespread scepticism about Mr Yeltsin's version of events, not least from Russian correspondents near the front line who described the operation as a fiasco without a coherent plan for the rescue of the

Two hostages who survived the battle and ended up in hospital in a neighbouring village said a large group of rebels, including their leader, Salman Raduyev, had escaped during the night. According to one of the freed hostages, the Chechens broke out of the

Moscow: "The country is a

mess and those in power are a mess. Pyor Petukhov, an

engineer, said contemptuous-

ly about the way Russia's

latest crisis is being handled (Thomas de Waal writes).

The hostage drama in southern Russia appears to

have lowered citizens' already

low opinion of their rulers. if

judgments voiced yesterday on Moscow's main shopping

street. Novy Arbat, were any

A great many of the Musco-

vites questioned thought the

best option was to pull out

and give he Chechens

Chechenia." said Yevgeni

"They are not Russians. All

our lives we hive fought with

the Chechens and 1 do not

understand what for."

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besieged village with the help of a diversionary raid on the Russian lines staged by comrades from across the border. Just hours after Russian

commando units pulled out of the village and blanket fire began from multiple-rocket launchers, the Chechens made a successful break for freedom, carrying their dead with

"I think they got away," said Ali Aliev a former hostage in the hospital in Aksai, about six miles from Pervomaiskoye. "Maybe some smertniki stayed," he said using the term for Chechen fighters who have decided to fight to the

Mr Aliev was among a group of hostages made to carry four wounded Chechens through the village and across the fields into Chechenia under a barrage of gun and rocket fire.

Another former hostage. Andrei Dubanenko, said that the gunmen had not executed any hostages, in contradiction of the Russian claims that at

"Chechenia was taken prison-

er 100 years ago." argued

Fyodor Pepinov, who works

in a laboratory. "It does not

Several spoke with anger of

the Chechens, a people often associated in Moscow with crime and the mafia. "We

should fight this war to the

end," said Pyotr, a war veter-

an. "All our life we have

fought the Chechens. They

have traded and then stolen

President Yeltsin and his

Government received a uni-

versally low rating. "The Government got into trouble

middle-aged Muscovite.

and robbed us."

want to be part of Russia."

Muscovites stay cynical

least two captives were killed, That was used as a reason for launching the attack on the

Russian soldiers finally overran Pervomaiskoye yes-terday afternoon, the fourth day of the battle. Artillery fire died off yesterday morning and virtually ceased by the afternoon. In the evening mili-tary jets flew overhead, but the guns were quiet.

The Interior Ministry said the bodies of 153 rebels had been found in and around Pervomaiskoye. Russian television pictures showed bodies in ditches and fields. Mr Yeltsin said that 82 captives had survived the battle, but 18 were still missing. Estimates of the number of hostages in the village have ranged from 100 to 200. Twenty-six Russian servicemen had died, the President said, while all the Chechen fighters had been "destroyed".

Condemnation of the President has focused on the civilian casualties, and official spokesmen spent much of the day denying reports that they had been high. Two days ago the spokesman for the FSB, the successor to the KGB, said all the hostages in the village were dead. Yesterday Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the FSB, said that they had not found a single dead hostage in the

village. Valeri Yakov, a reporter with Izvestia who spent three days sheltering just outside the village watching the assault wrote yesterday that the shelling had been indiscriminate, even before the army brought in the multiplerocket launchers on Wednesday. On one occasion rockets fell near Russian troops, who swore and cursed their commanders.

because they underestimated Mr Yeltsin said yesterday the Russian military might the situation," said Igor, a escalate the war in Chechenia would probably vote for Mr where General Dzhokhar Yeltsin in June, but as a Dudayev, the Chechen sepa-



One of the pro-Chechen commandos threatening the Black Sea ferry hostages was filmed yesterday by a Turkish television cameraman, who had boarded the Avrasya as Ankara officials tried to persuade the gunmen to end the hijacking peacefully

### Hijacked ferry is barred from Istanbul



Tokcan: met Basavev. Chechen rebel chief

THE bloody conclusion to the Russian operation in the village of Pervomaiskoye appears to have had little immediate impact on the security of the 160 hostages seized by Chechen sympathisers on a ferry off the Turkish coast.
As President Yeltsin an-

nounced yesterday that the action on the Dagestani border had ended, their vessel continued its laboured journey westwards, escorted by Turkish warships through heavy storms towards Istanbul, stopping 100 miles east of the city at nightfall, before starting off an hour later for its final destination.

Even though the gunmen flagged Avraswa had initially demanded that the Kremlin halt its operation in return for except for one Tartar. Many

FROM ANTHONY LOYD AND ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

the lives of Russian passengers on the boat, which they threatened to blow up, Turkish authorities appeared confident that their negotiations had succeeded in breaking this link.

"From the very start, we have tried to keep the two aspects of the hostage equa-tion separate and independent," said Omer Akbel, of the Turkish Foreign Ministry. We believe that we have

achieved this.7 The ferry halted near Karabuk Eregli in the Black Sea east of Istanbul to allow further negotiations to take place between the hijackers and the Turkish authorities. The gunmen, led by Mu-hammad Tokcan, are Turkish nationals of Abkhazian origin,

Chechens fought alongside the Abkhazians in their war with Georgia three years ago. Most notably among these

was Shamil Basayev, the Chechen fighter who led last autumn's raid into southern Russia which also resulted in a hostage crisis and heavy fighting. Mr Tokcan and Mr Basayev reportedly know one another and have met in the Caucasus.

Though negotiators from the Turkish Interior Ministry. including members of the national intelligence service. initially agreed to allow the Avrasva to dock at Islanbul. where provision would be made for Mr Tokean and his in return for the release of all the hostages and peaceful surrender of the gunmen.

efforts began yesterday to prevent the boat from entering the Bosphorus because of the explosives the hijackers say

That [passage to Istanbul] cannot be allowed, that is against our legal code," said Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, last night. We are trying to stop the boat right next to Eregli."

The Turks are in an invidious position. As fellow Muslims with historical connections to the Caucasus, their public sympathy for the Chechens runs high.

Yet because of their separatist problems with the Kurds and the need to maintain good diplomatic relations with the Russians, the Turks need to be seen to be acting with detachment towards the gunmen.

# INQUIRY INTO GISLATION AGAINST **TERRORISM.**

The Government has announced that it is setting up an independent inquiry to look into the future need for counter terrorism legislation once peace has become established in Northern Ireland.

The inquiry will consider what legislation will be needed to deal with the longer term threat from all kinds of terrorism.

The Inquiry is to be carried out by the Rt. Hon. Lord Lloyd of Berwick. He will be assisted by Sir Brian Kerr, a Northern Ireland High Court Judge, who will advise on Northern Ireland matters. Lord Lloyd will be consulting widely and he would like to receive comments and contributions from the public.

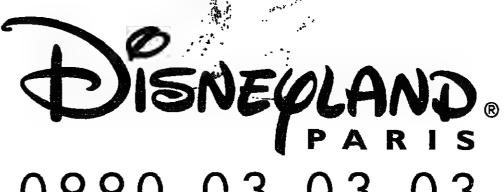
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Burundi 'in the grip of genocide'

# New bloodbath fears as refugees flee camp

BURUNDI plunged further into ethnic turmoil yesterday as 15,000 Rwandan refugees fled from their camp and headed for Tanzania after heavy fighting between Hutu militia and Burundi's Tutsi Army. At least 200,000 people have been killed in the country since 1993.

The latest fighting reinforced a call this week by Boutros Boutros Ghali, UN Secretary General, for an international quick reaction force to be sent to the central African region to head off a repeat of the mass slaughter that ravaged Rwanda in

It also added weight to claims by Paulo Pinheiro, UN human rights investigator for Burundi, that the country was in the grip of virtual genocide. He urged the international community to consider ending aid if the situation does not improve within three months.

After a week-long visit, he told journalists about 1,500 people had been killed in Hutu-Tutsi violence in two months. "The monopoly of violence is in the hands of the Tutsis," he said, noting that officers in the Tutsi-dominated army were

under a sophisticated chain of command. Most urban areas had been cleared of Hutus and he described Bujumbura, the capital paralysed by fighting, as "Tutsi-land". This week it was especially tense because of a general strike called by Tutsi

The envoy called on African countries to take a leading role in turning Burundi in the right direction, and said existing but underfunded UN-led observer missions there should be reinforced.

Reports from the northeast of Burundi said there were few civilian casualties in the lastest fighting. "As of last night Mugano camp has been closed and doesn't exist any more," said Mise Hitoshi, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Only a few hundred refugees remain in the camp and 15,000 are moving towards the Tanzanian border through fear of lighting."

The exodus is significant because

Rwanda's Hutus know the signals for mass bloodletting.

Similar signs have been picked up by Dr Boutros-Ghali. "I continue to believe that it is imperative for the

international community to launch a major initiative to prevent another tragedy," he said.

This view has been endorsed by the said of the

Western diplomats based in Bujum-bura who said yesterday that because their governments were preoccupied by the Nato deployment in Bosnia, they had no interest in saving Burundi from itself.

UN security council members rejected this week Dr Boutros-Ghali's pleas for an intervention force, to be based in neighbouring Zaire, but agreed to consider sending "guards" to protect aid workers in Proposed: in Burundi. Northeastern Burundi has been

home to 152,000 Hutu refugees from Rwanda who fled their homeland in 1994 after slaughtering a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in a well-organised genocide. Since Burundi's Army murdered

Melchior Nidadaye, the country's first Hutu President, in 1993, and 100,000 people from both tribes died in subsequent bloodletting, the former Belgian colony has been effective central without any



A scene from the Return to the Dying Rooms documentary that alleged deaths from deliberate neglect in a Shanghai orphanage

# **Brother of China** 'dying rooms' doctor arrested

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

state security officials in Shanghai have arrested the brother of Zhang Shuyun, the doctor who first reported the hundreds of deaths in the city's main orphanage, on a charge of

According to his sister yes-terday in New York, Zhang Jian, a party member and local government official, was detained on January 9, two days after the US-hased Human Rights Watch report was published. On January 15 he was formally charged with participating in the counterrevolutionary crime of sub-verting the Government, which carries the death

Yesterday in New York, Dr Zhang Shuyun said police had ransacked her brother's house and interrogated other mem-bers of her family and friends.

The Human Rights Watch report included testimony by Dr Zhang about the policy of allowing abandoned infants to die, as well as documents and photographs she brought to

Farrakhan

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS

Human Rights Watch that in her five years in the orphanage 90 per cent of the abandoned children died because of a policy called "summary resolution", which maintained the number of children in the orphanage at a fixed level by not feeding them or by allow

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ing them to freeze to death.

Dr Zhang was eventually able to persuade the Shanghai authorities to investigate the orphanage. But the report was suppressed and she was dismissed and transferred.

Those responsible for the suppression were Wu Bangguo, the city's party secretary. and Huang Ju. the Mayor, both of whom were later elevated to the Politburo.

They, along with Vice-Pre-mier Zhu Rongji and President Jiang Zemin, are key figures in the Shanghai fac-tion which now dominates decision-making nationally in

The arrest of Zhang Jian demonstrates, their intention to keep scandal at bay by frightening their critics into

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LOUIS FARRAKHAN, the radical American Islamic leader, is to visit South Africa. Mr Farrakhan, who has been accused of stoking inter-racial tensions and anti-Semitism. has expressed a desire to meet President Mandela.

The South African Government intends to watch his visit closely. The visit, during which Mr Farrakhan is expected to make speeches, seems likely to test the political balance in the post-apartheid country. In October Mr Farrakhan

led the black "million man march" in Washington DC. which divided American opinion but passed off quietly. Some political leaders declined to associate themselves with the march because of Mr Farrakhan's record of insensitivity. His critics have included George Bush, the former US President, who

once called him the "vilest peddler of anti-Semitism it the United States". Mr Farrakhan's Nation o Islam organisation, based in Chicago, notified the South African embassy in Washing ton on Wednesday of his planned visit. American citizens do not need visas for

short trips to South Africa. In a letter, Mr Farrakhan said he intended to visit Cape Town, Durban, Johannes-burg and Pretoria. The letter carried what an embassy official described yesterday as a "vague" request for meetings with South Africa's political and religious leadership.

South Africa is one of everal places Mr Farrakhan intends to visit on a wideranging tour of mainly Islamic countries, including bique, Saudi Arabia, Malay

sia and Turkey. Mr Farrakhan, who has already left the United States for the world tour, will be travelling on a private jet with an entourage of 30, including family members and "the Fruit of Islam", as he refers to his squad of thick-set, bow tiewearing bodyguards.

# **Pretoria** blessed poaching

terday that he was involved in the illegal trade in ivory by the armed forces during the apart-

heid era.

His confession came after
the release this week of a
damning report on the smuggling of rhino horn and ivory
by South Airca during the
1970s and 1980s. The
Kumleben Commission found
that from mid-1978 to 1986 the that from mid-1978 to 1986 the military intelligence division of the South Africa Defence Force (SADF) efficially participated in the illicit possession and transportation of ivory and thino hom from Angola

and Namibia p South Africa.
"As Chief of the SADF. was approached in the late 1970s by the Chief of Staff Intelligence with the request that Unita National Union for the Total independence of Angolal be assisted in the selling of their wory." General Malan said. "This made sense, since in his way Unita could also make a contribution to the cost of the provisitins that were supplied to

them by the SADE."
As Defence Minister beween 1980 and 1989, General Malan was instrumental in Malan was instrumental in planning and implementing South Africa's divert military support for sie right-wing Unita rebels of brias Savimbi in their war assinst Angola's Marxist government forces. During this period Angola suffered large-cale destruction of wildlife and thousands of elephants were significant. of elephants were slaughtered. The report confirmed longheld suspicions of the defence force's role in the illegal ivory

General Malan, who goes on trial for murder in connec tion with hit squad activities in the 1980s, said he was responsible for financial decisions and personally gave permis-sion for the creation of a trade channel. He also admitted he knew of a front company used

for smuggling ivory.
The report will be given to the Attorney-General.

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# Neo-Nazis blamed as asylum-seekers die in hostel blaze

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A BLAZE yesterday roared through a foreigners hostel in Germany, killing at least nine people and raising fears of a new wave of racist-inspired

Three masked men hurled petrol bombs into the house, which lies close to the historic centre of Lübeck in northern Police, unable to confirm the witness reports, refused to rule out the possibility of a technical defect until they were able to enter the glowing shell of

the house.

But all signs yesterday seemed to point to arson. Three youths - one a skinhead carrying a far-right political biography - were detained close to the hostel

and were being interrogated, Detectives trawled through clubs and pubs frequented by neo-Nazi sympathisers. The hostel, a four-storey, timberraftered building, was recently given a clean bill after inspection by city surveyors, sup-porting the idea that an electrical fault was not to

If the fire turns out to be politically motivated, it will be the worst such tragedy in four years of neo-Nazi arson. It is barely eight months since youths set ablaze the synagogue in Lübeck, the second such attack or the synagogue

in two years. The anack stirred memories of the Hitler era, and in particular the 1938 Kristallnacht, when synagogues were burni down throughout Germany: the attacks stirred international dutrage, but the culprits have never been The two synagogue fires and the petrol bombing of a Turkish home in nearby Mölln in 1994 have given the area - previously regarded as one of the most tolerant parts of Germany — a reputation for

being a nest of neo-Nazis. The hostel was officially the temporary home of about 50 Africans, Asians and Arabs who were waiting for their asylum requests to be pro-cessed, but the number of people sleeping in the house in the early hours of yesterday morning was closer to 65.

### Catalogue of violence

A pattern of racist attacks by the far Right has been established and, although there is now a larger gap between incidents, it has clearly not abandoned its violent agenda. November 1992: Arson at-

tack in Mölln, killing three May 1993: Five Turks killed

in Solingen fire. March 1994: Lübeck synagogue set on fire. May 1994: Forty drunken neo-Nazis chase and assault African students in the streets of Magdeburg. July 1994: Vandals damage Buchenwald concentration

CUIOĮI. September 1994: African student hurled out of moving train in Berlin. Winter 1994-95: Turkish and foreign homes are repeatedly attacked. May 1995: Lübeck syna-

gogue set alight again.

the roof, clutching their babies. Others ran out with flames licking their pyjamas and scorching their hair. The death toll rose throughout the day: the nine confirmed dead included three children, with another child on the critical list. Twenty others were seriously injured, many of them

with fractured skulls. The fire underlines how fragile social peace has become in Germany. In 1993-1991, scarcely a week went by without some attack on

Right-wing extremists, skin-heads and young thugs fell in love with their own brutality, boasting of their appearance on television in front of a blazing home or of drunken hunting expeditions against frightened foreign students and refugees.

The mood seemed to ease when liberal asylum laws were tightened. A few far-right parties were banned. Courts were encouraged to prosecute youths flaunting the swastika or making Hitler salutes. Police - sleepy, underpaid and under-equipped in eastern Germany - became more

But the violence never entirely disappeared, it simply slipped beneath the surface. The far Right lost voters in the October 1994 general elections and continued to lose members throughout 1995, but the perverse romance of underground politics continued to draw young unemployed Germans. They have been organising intensely, using email and the Internet to exchange information.

Lübeck is on the border of former East Germany - the



Firemen at the Lübeck hostel which was home to 65 Asians, Africans and Arabs

three youths detained yesterday came from Mecklenburg in the east — and is a short drive from Denmark, where some German-language neo-Nazi publications are printed. The neo-Fascist rock band, Kraftschlag, plays locally and, with its throbbing lyrics about the ugliness of foreigners, has

picked up a large following that goes well beyond the 2.500 officially described as right-wing extremists by the

regional police. In terms of sheer numbers these groupings are insignificant, but their xenophobic violence sends ripples of panic through the German political

establishment. Earlier this week President Weizman of Israel talked of the ghosts of the past and warned Germans to he vigilant about neo-Nazi activity. Many Germans regarded his comments as misplaced, exaggerated or out of date. The Lübeck fire may end that complacency.

### Nato faces first test in policing **Bosnian** accord

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

AMERICAN surveillance satellites. CIA teams. Nato reconnaissance helicopters and ground patrols will combine today to check whether the former warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina have complied with the first stage of the peace agreement signed in Dayton, Ohio.

For today is "D plus 30" when the Serb and Muslim/Croat forces should have withdrawn from the zones of senaration that run two kilometres either side of an agreed ceasefire line.

It will be the crucial first test for Operation Joint Endeav-our, the Nato-led mission to implement the accord, which by the middle of next month. will involve about 60,000 troops from more than 30

Reconnaissance patrols have reported that all the warring factions appear ready to comply with the first deadline. Many troops have been

By today all armed civilians should have disbanded, all foreign military units, such as the 1,000 or so Mujahidin who ought with the Bosnian government forces, should have left the country, mines in the zones of separation should be destroyed or removed, and prisoners exchanged.

British troops in Bosnia. now numbering nearly 11.000 and building up to a total of 13,000 by next month, are spread across 20 locations. many in Serb territory. Army sources said the British units have developed good relations

with the Serbs. The British force, which has command of Nato's southwest sector, has three batteries of heavy guns, the new 155mm AS90 self-propelled artillery pieces and 28 helicopters.

American officials said US intelligence assets, including CIA teams, had offered to help to support Nato's peacekeeping mission and to ensure compliance by the former antagonists.

A key responsibility of the ClA was to warn against terrorist attacks on Nato forces, the American officials said. One fear was that Mujahidin fighters would pose a threat to American troops deployed in Bosnia but Nato officials now seem confi-

dent that most have left.

About 100 Mujahidin are still in northwest Bosnia, near Bihac, but they are expected to be gone by today's deadline, once Croana has given permission for them to travel to Zagreb for flights out of the

Another deadline is the removal of military forces from the Sarajevo zone of separation. Although the withdrawal appears to be on schedule. Nato commanders continue to face difficulties in persuading Sarajevo's Serb population of at least 70,000 to remain.

Sarajevo is due to be reunified by March 19 but many Serb residents fear retribution for the Serb bombardment of

Richard Holbrooke, the US envoy and chief negotiator at the Dayton peace talks, flew into Sarajevo yesterday to see whether Bosnia's rival factions would meet the first deadline, which passes at mid-

night tonight.
One deadline is unlikely to be met. The Bosnian Govern-ment is still refusing to release Serb prisoners until the Serbs reveal the location of 24,000 Muslims it claims are missing. The official number of prisoners to be exchanged is

### Simitis replaces Papandreou after cliffhanger election

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

lust night chose a former Industry Minister. Costas Simins, to serve as Prime Minister until dections due in

the autumn next year.

Mr Simins, 59, beat his newest rival. Akis Tsochatzopoulos, the intérior Minister. in a two-round/cliffhanger by So votes to 75. After the ballot, Mr Simitis pledged a new way of exercising power. He is favoured by Greek business for his technograt talents, despite his professed centre-left orientation.

The 167 parliamentary deputies of the Pathelienic Socialist Movement (Pasok) spent most of this week working out

CIRECE'S ruing Socialists how to elect a new head of Pasok establishment is still government from its ranks, after Andreas Papandreou, who has been critically ill for almost two months, resigned the premiership on Monday. The first round of the vote brought Mr Simitis to a dead heat with Mr Tsochatzopoul-

> os, with 53 votes each. Gerasimos Arsenis, the Defence Minister who was considered a favourite to win the succession, was unexpectedly knocked out in the first round by Mr Tsochatzopoulos, who had rallied those Socialist deputies still loyal to Mr

Papandreou. The result showed that a surprising portion of the

under the spell of its ailing founder and leader. Mr Tsochatzopoulos, a founder member of the party and Mr Papandreou's most trusted lieutenant, is the classic greysuited apparatchik, preferring the art of quiet power-brokering over public display.

He had deputised for Mr Papandreou throughout his illness, using his control over Pasok's party machine to twist the arms of waverers.

Mr Simitis, who has left few clues about his policy, is expected to follow Mr Papandreou's own practice of not making waves in relation to the European Union.

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# 'I am driven, and my children have suffered'

ery egalitarian, a desk on the open-plan office floor. Some little trick of positioning or physical presence decrees, however, that — even to the optically-challenged — Esther is instantly visible from 25 yards.

There she is, head and shoulderpads above the toiling hordes, poised on one of those twirly chairs designed to display the splendid Rantzen legs to maximum advantage. As always, centre stage.

The just-one-of-the-troops routine suitably established, we repair to Esther's boudoir --- a nest so flounced and flowersprigged that you might imagine yourself to be starring in a John Lewis soft furnishings window display.

And yes, she admits rather unneces sarily, she does have a tendency to hog the limelight. Why, she still remembers the time, ten years ago, when she was summoned to hospital to hear the results of her husband, Desmond Wilcox's, heart tests.

"He was sitting in bed in this natty little green sleeveless dress, talking into a mobile phone. I thought it couldn't be that bad, but he told me he had to have open-

heart surgery that afternoon."
Whereupon she fainted. "Esther." said Dessy severely, peering over the side of his trolley at the heap of designer suiting, sheeny tights and rhinestone rings loosely arranged on the floor. "Do get up.

This is my moment."
"Well, I did see what he meant," says Esther, who is not so unsubtle that she cannot take a hint. Dessy, of course, recovered, and their marriage resumed a course that she regards as "challengingly

idyllic".
"Esther." Desmond told her only the other day, as she was struggling to find a party frock. "you remind me of a circus elephant flapping in the wings." In the wings? Esther? Surely not. Even in

Rantzen terms, this has been a highprofile time. Her BBC2 afternoon talk show Esther was this week firmly established as the runaway leader in the ratings. Yesterday the Princess of Wales launched an appeal for her charity, Childline. And, in a few weeks, BBCI's Hearts of Gold begins a new series.

But it is Esther which has reboosted her career and established her as the British Oprah Winfrey. "I don't mind that label, but I'm surprised. I said, I'm too ugly for this. Look at all the bags and sags and teeth and things."
I had met Esther some years ago and

retained a vague memory of a stragglehaired, snaggle-toothed missionary, perspiring with zeal inside a shell of bus

Nothing could be more at variance with the current image. Her hair is an artfully-fronded blonde bubble, her

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Mary Riddell talks to Esther Rantzen about the successful relaunch of her career

black suit restrained and expensive, her complexion digestive-biscuit beige. The equine side of Esther is no more. Gone is the catarrhal donkey laugh. gone the famous teeth — retracted now. through dentistry or willpower, behind a neat bow of frosted apricot lipstick.

So is it not a little disingenuous. Esther, to play the ugly-old-me card.



Esther Rantzen: "I never intend to cause offence"

when you are nothing of the kind? "I suppose I am vain. I once hoped that I could be charming and rather poignant. wearing the same tracksuit day in, day out. Then I realised you had to put in the time. Looking as good as you can is part of the job. People judge you."

n the past, this judgment has been harsh. The peevish complaints by those she thought her friends to the BBC's Director-General at the time of her affair with Desmond, then her married boss, have always rankled.

"If you have a job which is envied, there will always be people sniping round the edges. I try not to read it and hear it. At the time, it was like being felled. I'm beginning now to put it in a box marked probably true, but don't vaste your time thinking about it."

And so the shell was built up. Until recently, she refused all interviews, preferring "not to be chewed up and spat

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out". Even now, there is a sort of selfprotective restraint. She is effusive about her interviewees, passionate about her staff, and still there is the suspicion that this is the sanitised version.

That is not to say that she is not honest, for she is almost painfully so. Suggest that Desmond - who is not, as recently reported, profoundly deaf -drew the short straw in electing to leave his job at the BBC so that she could stay and prosper, and she denies it. "Desmond says that I have fame and he has reputation." Both have been dearly

It is hard for Esther to admit that her most notable problem has been in raising her three teenage children. "I think they have been affected by

the notoriety and my antisocial hours. It is hard to have two parents who are driven - and we are. I fall out of bed and go to the office. He falls out of bed and goes somewhere like Rwanda. It must give them less security, less tranquillity, and I do mind.

"Rebecca, my second daughter, was 16 last week, and she was very scathing that I was in the studio. Joshua is 13 and told us that he would like to go to boarding school. He's now at Winchester.". But the image which most belies the happy-family picture montage stuck behind the boudoir desk is that of Emily - at 18, so crippled with ME that she had to spend much of last summer in a wheelchair. Esther has not spoken before of her daughter's illness. "I'm not saying that her illness has been caused by my job, or indeed Desmond's, but it might depress her. Whether the depression, which is a symptom, is also a cause, no one knows.

"She has muscular pain, very severe headaches and neckache. and disrupted sleep. It's traumatic for the family and very tough for her and her brother and sister.

"I have agonised about whether I can carry on being the full-time chairman of Childline. There are times when Emily is desperately ill, and I've had to leave a meeting to be with her. That's not fair to Childline or Emily, but at the moment she is stable, and I'm coping."

Esther is 55 now and, on her own admission, less brash, less defensive and just as autocratic as ever. "Yes, that's something I would change. I never intend to frighten people or cause offence, and I hope I'm not perceived like that." We are back now at the open-plan desk, and Esther is installed, businesslike, on the twirly chair as the hubbub goes on around her.

I am passing the time of day with someone, but not for long. "Sssh," says an aide urgently, "Esther is making a phone call." Silence descends.



# ■ Philip Howard recounts a

lifetime's struggle with a bad back

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# Why my bad back will always be worse than yours

One man's odyssey with his spine from physiotherapy to Alexander, via a bottom-burning corset

unflattering about human nature the subject that excites the widest public attention is not the weighty business of philosophy, politics, or economics. It is not even the light sex lives of celebrities, the miracle diet that will keep you young and beautiful for ever, or the preservation of animals with goo-goo eyes. It is backache. One twinge of backache makes the whole world kin.

To test this axiom you need only groan as you lever yourself up from the sofa. You will find that everybody suffers from a condition more excruciating and interesting than yours, and has discovered the

When I was first struck down. I hobbied to work doubled-up, down Tube and up escalator, and lay down beside 'I believed

my desk to recover. This seemed the pain would only way to mitigate the agony. A colleague asked, too hopefully: What's the matter. Philip; a heart at-tack?" "No." I "No," I groaned, "my back." Instead of

contempt' launched into a boring account of his own backache, which apparently compared to mine as

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savaging by rottweller does to a fleabite. He had had to be carried out of the Festival Hall on a stretcher. By networking he had dis-covered the sole remedy with a famous acupuncturist in Har-

ley Street. Now, I am squeamish about even single injections and scornful of alternative medicine. But to stop the drone of my friend's back ache, so irrelevant compared with mine, I mouned that I might try acupuncture. To which he replied: "Oh, my man doesn't treat just anybody. But I suppose he might take you on my recommen-

I have been working up my back problem since birth. I am tall, which gives me more extended vertebrae to abuse. My training has been backchallenging: ramrod spine, stiff upper lip, shoulders back, From Tiger Davis's physical jerks on the harrowing fields of Cheam, through Wall Game, right-marker strutting out on parade, Black Watch subaltern stiff as a claymore to keep his kilt up, and hack slumped in front of screen with legs entwined three times in the daily wrestle with words and deadline, I admit that I have treated my back cavalier-ly. Carrying children on shoul-

IT IS AN addiction, no doubt

about it, and one that costs me

hundreds of pounds each year.

A morning without it leaves me trembling, pale and irrita-ble; a whole day is unthink-able. I would love to kick the

habit, but I am terrified of the

cold turkey I would undergo. Diet Coke rules my life.

On any visit to a new

country, my desire for adven-

ture is tempered with a gnaw ing anxiety. Who cares if the

country is on the brink of civil

war, if I speak not a word of

the language or the monsoon has just started? All that matters is whether Diet Coke

is available. Last year's Glas-

tonbury Festival was marred

by the discovery that the right-

on organisers had banned evil

Coke with its smackings of

multinationalism, in favour of

I draw strength from the fact that I am not alone in my

Diet Coke-aholism, Last week

Daniel Finkelstein, the head of

the research department at

Conservative Central Office

Virgin Cola.

The following axiom ders does it no good. And I implies something gave it a nasty turn by gave it a nasty turn by jumping over the Blackwater River on to what looked like sand but turned out to be sandy stones. This tore the ligaments in my left ankle so that ever since I must have walked with a limp that has thrown my pelvis into periodic

My first backache struck on a bucket-and-spade holiday. Building a dam, I lifted a boulder without bending my knees. Red-hot poker speared my spine. To escape from pain, I ran into the sea and was tumbled bead over heels before hitting sand. And I lay there doubled up to be drowned by the next breaker until hauled out.

I should have gone to my GP for an X-ray. But I was not sure who my GP was, and believed that pain was feeblemindedness that

would go away if treated with contempt. After three days of being able to get out of bed only by falling out, and pulling on trousers while supine, I went to a physiotherapist out the Yellow Pages. She was a

and athletics team. and she laid me down and pummelled me, and sold me lumbar cushions for the small of my back. I still use them, though the office one sheds so much foam subber that Therese has re-bound it in a pair of old tights. After about three weeks, the back pain went away, and I wrote a piece about physics which caused my personal trainer offence and brought in a huge post.

very winter since then towards the conset of Christmas. my backache recurs. A retired general from Basingstoke threatens to cure me by swinging a pendulum above my back. A friend sent me a corset dangling hot-water botties, and I burnt my bottom. For my next bad go, I looked up an alternative-medicine down to his office late at night. I could not hoist myself up to reach the beil, and had to wait until he came to the door to see what had happened to me. After weeks of intrusive massage, I could stand upright again. For this relief much

remedy for backache by another persuasive colleague also with a much worse back



Has a relaxed Philip Howard finally found the cure?

belt sold me a therapeutic trampolene, from which I hit my head on the ceiling when I use it (not a lot). When he attempted his pressure-point massage on me at home, all three Jack Russells, granny, daughter and granddaughter, came to the relief of their groaning friend with tooth and yap. So after that my Shiatsu muster visited me at the office during the lunchbreak. But one day, while I was lying on the mat groaning while Shiatsu-san, in leotard and bare feet, bounced on top of me, Christine, the Editor's secretary, passed by. And her imperceptibly raised eyebrow

But now I have to tell you that I have cracked the problem. I am a student of the Alexander Technique, as are many actors and others who depend on their bodies. I am not yet a true believer in the jargon. But there seems sense in damning braces and blessing relaxes. I fall asleep in the resting position, and Sam the car sleeps on my stomach. I can levitate from the chair as smoothly as a rocket. I sit relaxed in front of my screen instead of hunched, and adopt the resting position in spite of mockery of friends and alarm of the Russells. Backs are not funny. But once they stop hurring, they are true bliss.



### NO MORE MR VICE GUY

From rude dude to new prude, Andre Agassi is in danger of being boring. The Magazine

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when his fridge exploded. There were no casualties, but Mr Finkelstein, 33 and teetotal, was obliged to confess to having overloaded the fridge with Diet Coke cans, which had frozen and exploded when the thermostat broke down.

Other Diet Coke drinkers include Kelvin MacKenzie, the former Editor of the Sun. Russell Grant, the astrologer. and the golfer John Daly, who toasted his win at last year's British Open with a glass of the stuff. The Rolling Stones. have a regular order when touring for 18 cans to be

waiting for them in their hotel. Diet Coke fiends all agree



Diet Coke break

the Real Thing, not Pepsi. It must must be drunk straight from the can, just like the man in the Diet Coke break advert" and it must be Diet, although few addicts actually need to lose weight.

No one can explain this bizarre compulsion. Wendy Irvine of Coca-Cola says: "You can't be addicted to Diet Coke

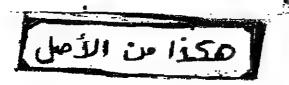
We are delighted that millions of people enjoy a nice cold can just for the taste of it." "I probably drink about five

cans a day," Mr Finkelstein says. "I'm not sure why it's so addictive. People say it's the caffeine, but I'm not convinced. My habit began when was a student, but it really took off when I was working as a journalist and had a desk near the Diet Coke machine.

Then I went to work at the Social Market Foundation, which was a haven of Diet Coke drinkers. Lord Skidelsky and Lord Kilmarnock both began to drink it, although

they aren't addicts. "It can be a social embarrassment, ordering Diet Coke wherever I go, but I am determined to make it a respeciable habit.

I was once at the Reform Club with a former director of the research department and I ordered a Diet Coke. The waiter brought two 'This grand old man cried 'Good God, no! The pop is for him'."



Shared love and simple pleasures: our exclusive serialisation of Elizabeth continues, focusing on the royal marriage in its blissful early days before the King's death changed everything

erhaps because of his early experiences of having no money of his own. Philip was careful with it. Thrift seems to be a royal characteristic. In those days the women of the family used to send their repaired. On the other hand,

they were generous tippers. When Elizabeth and Philip went to stay, as they often did in the first years of their marriage, with Philip's relations, the Brabournes, in their two converted farm cottages at Mersham-le-Hatch in Ashford. Kent. the butler and cook would get £3 each, graduating down to El for the most junior member of staff — while a visit to the Duke of Beaufort's vast house. Badminton in Gloucestershire, could cost them £20

Beyond tipping and church collections, when Bobo (Margaret MacDonald, Elizabeth's dresser) and Dean (John Dean, butler and later Philip's valet) would dole out the requisite amount — half a crown for the "family" churches at Sandringham, Windsor and Balmoral, a more ostentatious El for "strange" ones — the royals never carried money or dealt

Shopping would be charged to accounts which would be

settled by Boy Browning, Comp-troller of the Household, the Clerk Comptroller at Clarence House, ex-naval Petty Officer Leslie

Elizabeth and Philip had simple tastes in food and drink. Philip never had more than coffee and toast for breakfast: often before Elizabeth came down at 8.45 he would have left for the staff course at Greenwich Royal Naval College. which he had begun early in 1948. By then John Gibson, one of whose duries as second footman was to attend to the corgis. Susan and Crackers, would have taken them out of the garden-room where they slept and walked them

round a small garden in St James's Palace.

Each morning when Elizaboth came down for breakfast. he would be waiting for her at the bottom of the stairs with the dogs, hand her her newspapers and serve her breakfast (bucon and eggs and her favourite bread scones made by Betty the kitchenmaid).

"She'd taik quite a lot about everyday things while I was serving," he recalled. "She had a lovely sense of humour and she enjoyed a good laugh." While she was breakfasting, he would take in the daily menu hook with suggestions for lunch and dinner that day and for the following day's breakfast. She made her comments, finished the newspapers, then went upstairs to work on her correspondence with her lady-in-waiting. On most mornings she would slip out unnoticeable in old mackintosh and headscarf, to walk the corgis in St James's Park. always shadowed by her de-

tective, Frank Usher. Elizabeth was no cat-lover a pedigree Siamese which she had been given as a wedding present was handed over to the cook at Windlesham Moor, a house which the Edinburghs rented in Surrey but she adored her dogs. Even though there were only two corgis in the royal pack in those days in third, Biscuits. had fought with the others and been given to Deans, the corgi ritual was aiready established. footman would lay a tray with

too fast ...." Each afternions at 4.30, the a cloth, silver spoons and torks, a plate of biscuits, a plate of chopped meat, a plate of vegetables and jug of gravy. so that Elizabeth could feed the corgis herself before having

TOMORROW

meal — at 5pm. Tea, served in what Gibson described as a £5,000 silver teapot, would be Earl Grey blend, sometimes Indian, and there would be cucumber sandwiches, wafer-thin bread and butter, potted meat, and chocolate cake freshly made every day by Betty.

Like her mother, Elizabeth has a weakness for chocolate, but she has always been absternious with alcohol and in those days drank nothing but orange juice with her meals, barely touching a glass of wine when dining out. Philip would have a glass of beer with lunch, a gin and tonic in the evening.

Dinner when they were at home alone together would be very simple, sometimes just cold meat and salad or sausage and mash, with perhaps a savoury afterwards.

The plain food served upstairs contrasted with the abundance enjoyed downstairs. According to Gibson: That sort of meal might be all right for the royals, but it wasn't good enough for the staff. Mrs Barnes [the cook] knew only too well that if she served up that sort of thing to the servants, she soon wouldn't have any. Downstairs in the servants' hall ...

'Dinner when

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course dinner, or high tea as

they called it — soup, then perhaps fish and chips, then a

pud - jam tart and custard or

There would be a hearty

cooked breakfast every day

except Sunday - when they had to make do with boiled

eggs, mid-morning coffee and biscuits - a two-course lunch

and tea and cakes at 4pm. The

staff also had all the leftovers

from the royal table - shared

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room in Buckingham Palace,

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describes her as standing at 4.30 every after-

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knew that he was.

Churchill's phrase, "walking with death" and that there was always a possibility his beloved daugh-Churchill, who

airport, described him as "gay and even jaunty: [he] drank a glass of champagne. think he knew he had not long to Bobo told Dean

All smiles at Princess Anne's christening, 1950

the platform of the Treetops Hotel in the branches of a giant wild fig tree, watching and photographing the ani On guard at the foot of the

hunter". Jim Corbett, armed with a heavy-calibre rifle, ostensibly to protect the Princess from wild elephants but also. unknown to her, from possible anack by the Mau Mau terrorists who might be in the area.

Unaware that her father had died, she and Philip returned to Sagana Lodge. their wedding present from the people of Kenya, to prepare for their journey down to Mombasa to embark on the SS Gothic for New Zealand and Australia. No news came from Buckingham Palace, nor

Parker was alerted by tele



was a family get-together to celebrate the doctors' favourable report and a send-off for the Princess and the Duke, who were to fly off for their antipodean state visit the next

When they were photographed sitting together, the king's face was so finely drawn as to resemble a death mask, although he looked not old but youthful. Both his daughters looked younger than their years, too. It was as though the family, on the verge of dissolution, had gone back in time.

The next day, January 31, the King took the unusual step of going as far as Heathrow airport to see his daughter off to Kenya, the first stage of her journey. He stood hatless in the cold wind, his eyes with the straining, glaring look they took on in moments of emotion. In his heart of hearts he

was with him at the

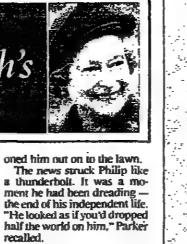
that he had said Bobo", and that she parting from He died, sudden-

and without warning, of a thrombosis in his sleep at Sandringham, just six days later in the early hours of February 6. 1952. His daughter became

Queen in Kenya as she sat on tree stood a famous "white

announcing the King's death

phone to what had happened by Elizabeth's private secre-tary, Martin Charteris, who had heard the news from a journalist at the Outspan Hotel where he had gone to hunch. Parker crept around outside the house to attract the attention of Philip, and beck-



"I have never felt so sorry for anyone in all my life."

11.45am in London, when he told his ZShad become Queen of Great Britain. her Dominions and possessions beyond the seas. Martin Charteris, who had dashed up from the Outspan Hotel after telephoning the news to Parker, found the new Queen "very composed, absohute master of her fate". She was sitting drafting papers, a slight flush on her face the only sign of emotion.

"What are you going to call yourself?" he asked. "My own name, of course. What else?"

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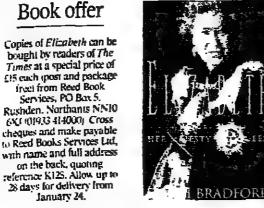
even from the BBC. Sir Edward Ford, the King's assistant private secretary, believes that the Palace telegram

which had been dispatched to Kenya was never sent because the telegraphist took the agreed code "Hyde Park Cor-ner" as the address and not the message, while, at the BBC, the men in charge had decided that only the distinguished broadcaster John Snagge had a voice of sufficient dignity for such an announcement — but they couldn't find him. Philip's friend Michael

small sports car turn in at the Palace gates. Usually a deal On January 30, 1952, the King, the Queen, the Edinburghs and Margaret, with Peter Townsend in attendance and other friends, went to a performance of South Pacific at the Drury Lane Theatre. It

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### Philip Howard



■ Whether duchesses are top people or not, they demand top overdrafts

re duchesses top people? Like policemen, they are growing younger. This may be because our native image of the duchess as an old trout was formed by the peppery Red Duchess in Wonderland and by Trollope. An older tradition of duchesses or petity young reallops spilling duchesses as pretty young trollops spilling out of their cleavages was created by Lely at the Restoration court, and by the French duchess at the Versailles of the Sun King who asserted: "A duchess is never more than

30 to a bourgeois."
"'Damn!' cried the duchess" was once considered a riveting beginning to a book, combining snobbery, sensationalism and bad language. The expletive would have to be strengthened to catch attention today. And the image of the Duchess Herself is changing in our society, resentful as it is of hierarchy, deference, and capital initial letters for titles. It is no accident that the current (brilliant) production of The Duchess of Malfi directs the line "I am Duchess of Malfi still!" to be delivered not as a proud

war-cry but as a flaky giggle.

But it is clear from the misadventures of the Duchess of York that whether or not duchesses are still top people, they still demand top salaries and top overdrafts. And it would help if their strangely familiar children's books about helicopters could take off towards the top of the bestseller lists. In off towards the top of the bestseller usts. In this levelling age, top is a power word. The most memorable advertising slogan for our own dear organ in the 1960s was "Top people take The Times". It made its way into the reference books, and is still used as an

exemplary slogan.

Even then this seemed true but elitist. When Claud Cockburn applied for the job of New York correspondent of The Times, he was invited to write a state-of-the-nation survey of America, and so he polished and agonised and delivered. The head of the Washington bureau, Sir Willmott Lewis, read his piece through with awful deliberation. Then he tore it into pieces and dropped it into the wastepaper basket. And said: "Mr Cockburn, you must always remember that when writing for the newspapers, you are writing for an elderly lady in Hastings who has two cats of which she is passionately fond. Unless our stuff can successfully compete for her interest with those cats, it is no good, And, on this occasion, I have to tell you that the cats win." Hastings, elderly and lady were regionalism, ageism and sexism of a bygone age. But no sensible paper, least of all The Times, wants to restrict itself to top people. Intelligent, witty people of all classes and socio-economic categories will do.

The Anglo-Saxon monosyllable top is also making its way into French. It used to mean the time-pip. Au quatrième top, il sera exactement... At the fourth stroke it will be exactly . . . The Grand silent top time-signal. So if some French advertising man holds up a placard saying. "Shut up and sod off!", it will be a comfort to know that this is only a top artificiel.

But the French dictionaries spurn the tiptop top as an otiose Franglais borrowing. The examples given are top model, top man. on parle même de top niveau (top rank). Tu parles, Charles, on en parle tout le temps. The interesting question is why, and I think it has to do with our unease about league tables. The top talk is by no means restricted to the puffery of advertising. A famous chef from Alsace used to provide a buffet top niveau. This is a noun in apposition, such as pulls homme, a chap's pullover. The fight against nouns in apposition was mistaken and lost long ago. But in French, top conveys admiration and even wonderment that would be absent from de première classe. The contexts are different. You might say, if annoyed. C'est un salaud de première, but not c'est un salaud top niveau. The pejorative connotation is missing.

Yes, duchesses are still top people. But height is not necessarily an advantage, in celebrity, stature or overdraft. The tyrant of Miletus, Thrasybulus, gave his advice about top people by cutting the heads off the tallest stalks of wheat, as an example of how to downsize ambitious rivals by topping them. The wise duchess (an oxymoron) keeps her



" SAME OLD BACK PROBLEM I'M AFRAID, DOCTOR ... "

# Cry the betrayed comrades

ow long ago it was, how long! How long ago it was that apartheid ruled in and women were thought of as creatures hardly different from animals! How long ago it was when white men as well as black could be, and were, thrown into jail on the slightest pretext and kept there for years! How long it was, how long, the time that Nelson Mandela spent in prison for disagreeing with the dreadful rulers of South Africa! (To be exact. it was 26 years.) How long ago it was that Alan Paton wrote Cry the Beloved Country, and because by then his name was so widely known around the world, the rulers of his beloved country did not dare to imprison him or have him silenced!

Yes, it was a long time ago. and Nelson Mandela has since shaken hands with the wicked and absolved them. And so, at last, we can shut that door for ever, can we not?

No, for some of the graves in that story are still crying out for justice, and as the earth heaves, they say that their voices will never fade until that which was wrong is put right.

Now for the story. It starts with John Lloyd, and I should first warn you that Mr Lloyd is putting his own case and is not exactly rushing to give the other side, where he might find an argument or two. Yet this is a truly tragic story and it has many facets.

Mr Lloyd, when he lived in South

Africa, hated apartheid, as any decent person would, and he conspired with others to do as much damage to the hated State as they could. To this end they blew up electricity pylons, radio masts, and suchlike, but, he says, did not seek to kill or injure any person. however steeped in apartheid evil.

One of the leaders at the head of the organisation Mr Lloyd had joined they called themselves the African Resistance Movement - was Hugh Lewin, and although he and his band did not expect to topple apartheid, they were sufficiently successful to make the forces of government think them a serious danger. So far, so good. But then came the news that Lewin and others had been caught. One of these was John Lloyd himself, and he was in turn imprisoned and interrogated.

Then came the bomb -- the bomb that brought down not a pylon, but a human being: Ethel Rhys was killed by a bomb

The Labour candidate for Exeter, who betrayed his friends to the apartheid regime, has no place in Parliament

Johannesburg railway station by one stage: Hugh Lewin went to prison for John Harris. (There is a tiny clue to the feelings of John Lloyd. He has written him. He also betrayed Baruch Hirson. about the bomb and its aftermath, but it seems that the pain, understandably, precludes him writing anything about the dead woman and even her surviving granddaughter.)

Now the pace quick-ens. John Harris was caught (and subsequently hanged). Lloyd had said that he would not testify against his mates — Hugh Lewin and the rest - though he did. But he did something else, and that something is what the brand-mark is "a Judas Iscariot who should have the

canary, thus: I agreed to give evidence against Harris because he had so violated our code. I can't know whether I would have made a different decision had I been at liberty, or

if I had shared a cell with colleagues Do you shudder, reader? I did, when I first read Lloyd's apologia; that phrase "he had so violated our code" (that is, that they would not harm other people). Was he playing God? Or was he the arbiter in a truly difficult position? It is difficult to say, but those who still hate him would, I suppose, call him a

as he turned state's evidence against his comrades, it must have been a dreadful blow - not only, of course, to Harris, but to all his former comrades. And having done his work - it is time for another shudder - Lloyd was given immunity from prosecution and moved to London. (Well, if he had still been in South Africa when any of the men he fingered finished their terms and got out. Lloyd might have lost a lot of teeth at the very least.)

Let the dead oury the dead. But the dead will not stay dead. This story is only half way through, and more pain. much more, will be felt. Because, you see, the figures in the story didn't vanish when they left the

that, it is ignoble. He should stand down." And Glynis Burleigh, whose grandmother was killed by the Harris bomb, Whatever went through Lloyd's mind

and has had to have 40 skin grafts from the effects of it, says: "Unlike him, I could not run away to England and begin a new life." Refusing to forget Mr Lloyd's history, she said: "He cannot whitewash the past and pretend it did not happen. He is not a fit candidate." But what is all this about politics, public office, candidates and standing down? It stems from the extraordinary

who was in the same boat, and who

went to prison for nine years. Dreadful;

it is very easy to point a finger, but we

turn away.

And Baruch Hirson says of Lloyd that

"The fact of the matter is that such a

man is not fit to hold public office,

particularly since he made no effort to

apologise to any of us or to John Harris's

widow. Such a man is not fit to hold

nd Harris's widow herself

says: "What he has done is

not honourable. Worse than

the fingers were point-

ed. Young men, facing

years of prison, will look at horror, and

Lewin, understandably, would spit in Lloyd's face if they

met, and that is not

just a figure of speech;

Lewin says that Lloyd

fact that John Lloyd, with a past like his, is trying to become an MP — a Labour MP, for Exeter. Take him back all those years: assuredly he cannot have forgotten them. Here is a young man who thought, not ignobly, that to set bombs among machinery would be to bring a moment or two nearer the purging of South Africa's

apartheid evil. But then, after a time, the world shifts for him: he who was betrayed, betrays in turn; who would not betray under torture? But what his erstwhile comrades will never forgive was that John Lloyd gave evidence in court against his comrades, who went to prison and stayed there for years. Later on, Lloyd sought to be an MP, and he isnow close to becoming one, on the Labour side. (If you open the window, you can hear Tony Blair groaning.)

Over the years, we have had all kinds of people in our Parliament, Commons and London some hate here were odd.

and Lords; some have been very odd, and some of them have been very bad indeed. Some have lived a very pure life, while others haven't. Even in my lifetime, I have seen more than one MP thrown out for behaviour that even the House of Commons could not stomach. (The members of the House of Lords, being peculiar ab initio, don't count in this examination.) But I do really, I do really think, that somewhere in this complicated world a line must be drawn. And I do really think —I do. I do. I do - that the line in question must be drawn on the unsunny side of Mr Lloyd

becoming an MP. Interviewed when he was seeking the Exeter candidacy, he spoke of being arrested for his political views, and said: "I was arrested and detained without trial for about 120 days, I didn't think I was a revolutionary and I didn't think I could keep quiet after that, so I decided to leave."

A reasonable reply, though he might have added a word or two about the planting of bombs, let alone the betrayal of John Harris

I conclude with two versions of Lloyd: the first is his.

I was approached by a very hostile woman who asked me to sign an affidavit saying my evidence against John Harris was untrue. I first of all agreed, and then I thought it through. Such a withdrawal would have been of no weight...

And the second version is from Jili Chisholm (a journalist, friend to another

With Harris on death row...she...came to London to plead with Lloyd to retract his evidence...He was not prepared to change his evidence or make any statement or any clemency bid at all. My impression was that he was concerned that the tractal and the statement of the statement about how people would view him if he retracted his evidence.

Choose your partners. But don't choose Lloyd for our Parliament.

### Is there anybody there?

Nigel Hawkes on

chances of life in

other solar systems

mong the billions of stars in the heavens, it has long seemed likely that some are accompanied by planets not so very different from the Earth. But statistical analysis is one thing, actual evidence another.

That is why the claim made by an American astronomer to have detected a distant planet that may have water flowing on its surface is so sensational. For the first time, the enjoyable specula-tion that has flourished for a century about the chances of finding life elsewhere in the universe has been brought

If a planet has oceans and rain, then there is no logical reason why it should not have life. And if it has life, the chances of intelligent life cannot easily

That may seem a huge imaginative leap from the bare facts presented to the American Astronomical Society by Professor Geoffrey Marry of San Francisco State University, but every step of the argument is defensible. He reported that wo stars - one in the constellation of Virgo, and the other in the Great Bear behave as if they have planets in orbit

Planets emit no light, and are far too small to see at these distances. inferred from the wobbles they impart to their parent stars. Three months ago, two Swiss astronomers reported the possible existence of a planet around the star 51 Pegasus, but its orbit was so close to the star that its temperature would

be broiling.

Much more exciting is the planet identified by Professor Marcy's team in orbit around the star called 70 Virginis. Though apparently huge — about eight times larger than Jupiter — it is sufficiently remote from its Sun-like star to have a temperature of about 185F. While this is pretty close to boiling, there are bacteria on Earth that flourish in conditions not so very

Hot springs and deep thermal vents on the ocean floor, where the heat of the Earth's mantle leaks upwards into the crust, are home to extremophiles, bugs that live in extreme conditions. "Life is now possible," Professor Marcy said. "There is a harbour, a site, on which life

might form."

The other new planet could also have water. It is roughly as far from its star, 47 Ursa Majoris, as the Earth is from the Sun, and has an orbital period of just over three years. Three times as massive as Jupiter, this planet appears to be part of a solar system that resembles ours. "It almost smells like the planets in our own solar system," Professor Marcy said.

While both of these new planets are remote - about 35 light years away - they are not unimaginably remote. While travel to them is not in prospect, communication would not be impossible. Astronomers in Australia and at Arecibo in Puerto Rico are preparing to turn their radio telescopes towards the two stars in the hope of detecting a signal, while the Hubble Space Telescope will be used to take pictures of the stars.

t would of course defy the laws of probability if the first two poten-I tial planets found by man turned out to be home to intelligent life. The odds against that are as great as those against winning the National Lottery. For life to evolve, many factors have to be just right: a star of the right size, accompanied by a planet of the right mass and in the right orbit to provide a habitable world.

Had our own Sun been just a tenth larger, increased ultraviolet radiation vould have made life on Earth impossible. Had the Earth's orbit been even slightly different, the planet would have become too cold or too hot before life could have evolved.

Despite this, the odds do favour there being life elsewhere, if only because of the huge numbers of stars in the sky. There are a hundred billion stars in our own galaxy, and billions of galaxies to choose from. Although the odds against life on any given star are vanishingly small, the multitude of stars makes it, in the view of many astronomers, inevitable that life has evolved in more than one place.

Some remain sceptical. When the argument was put to the Italian physicist Enrico Fermi, he responded: "OK, but where is everybody?" It is a ques-tion that still waits for an answer. because in spite of searches using radio telescopes, no hint of an alien signal has ever been detected.

This may be no bad thing. The impli-cations of discovering intelligence else-where would be disconcerting. We have only recently achieved technical sophistication, so the odds are that any intelligent civilisation elsewhere would be more advanced than us, while less developed ones would not yet have the power to send signals.

How would we react to the discovery that we are, in relative terms, still in the Stone Age? Even if the aliens were friendly, our culture would be swamped by theirs as surely as those of aboriginal peoples were by the arrival of Europeans. This is why an astronomer once remarked: "If the cosmic telephone rings, for God's sake let's

not answer." The issue remains academic, for the time being. But the discovery of potential worlds in outer space is a momentous one, nonethless. Scientists often claim that a discovery has opened a new era. but for once that does not sound like an

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# Lilley livered

man Lamont as he struggles this evening to retain some momentum in his once-mighty political career fighting to become Conservative candidate for

But spare a thought for Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, whose future is also on the line. He will hantle through the ordeal of the Conservative chicken-run tonight at Hitchin and Harpenden against another minister, John Watts, the Transport. The local association is meeting to decide which of four candidates - the ministers and two others - will be its candidate.

Lilley will not be contesting his present St Albans seat. despite his 16,500 majority. because boundary changes mean that thousands of secure Tory votes will be going to neighbouring constituencies.

As Lilley is rather small. so Watts is rather large. A burly rooster of a man, his majority of 514 at Slough is made even more precarious by the boundary changes, and is likely to be overturned by Labour. "It's like Laurel and Hardy run." says a Labour source. "Not very dignified at all."

On the radio in Washington. Salman Rushdie complained that he had been turned away from the Vermeer exhibition. "I very much wanted to go," he said. "The lady in charge at the gallery refused me permission—even though she had been told by the local police in Washington that they felt there was no problem." Shortly after his radio appearance, the National



Gallery of Art called him up and

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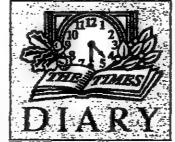
ONE HALF of the Tory party's favourite advertising team. Charles Saatchi, was trawling for talent at the Contemporary Art Fair in Islington on Wednesday. He chose, eventually, to buy a geometric work by one Jonathan Goslan.

A large white pentagonal dodecahedron to be suspended from a ceiling, Mr Saatchi's purchase is titled Not Without an Element of Frustration. Which fairly sums up the Saatchi brothers' task in marketing John Major.

### Unkind cut

THE Daily Mirror teamed up recently with the police to sponsor an impressive amnesty for knifewielding criminals, in which they were invited to discard their weapons. The move was successful dustbins across the country were filled with knives - and the Mirror has since been applying its intellect to the question of what to do with its collection of steel.

One suggestion from the newspaper is that they should be melted down to make a plaque for St George's School, Maida Vale, in commemoration of Philip Law-



tally stabbed. "The idea is to make something beautiful out of something horrible," said a spokesman for the paper. Perhaps not.

True to ner extravagant form, the Duchess of York travelled first class to New York yesterday and she paid every penny for the luxury. 'She's the only one of the royals who is always honest enough to ask for a first-class ticket," said an airline source. "The others simply buy cheap tickets and expect to be upgraded.

### Knit wit

SIR COLIN DAVIS, the London Symphony Orchestra's principal conductor, who was installed as the new Pipesmoker of the Year amid billowing fog at the Savov this week, has been swapping his baton for needles. When off duty, he likes nothing better than chewing on his pipe as he knits the fam-My wife wanted to find some-

thing that would be too difficult for me to do -so she came home with a knitting pattern and dozens of balls of wool. I sat down and got cracking. I've knitted about nine very fancy garments for my wife jackets, jumpers and sweaters with floral designs and complex

● A frightful mistake for Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office minister, to nod her head in sage agreement as she sat on the front bench at Prime Minister's Ques-tion Time. Television cameras showed up a badger-like stripe of grey bisecting the parting of her jet-black dyed hair. "She's got more roots than an oak," coughed an astonished member on the opposite benches.

### Union pride

JANE AUSTEN continues to excite the young bloods at Oxford. So much so that the Union has invited the entire corset-clad cast from the BBC's Pride and Prejudice to a forum this term to discuss their dramatic triumph.

Colin Firth will smoulder once again as Mr Darcy, in the debat-



Chancellor: revisit

ing chamber, and Anna Chancelfor will interfere as Miss Bingley. Both Mr and Mrs Bennet will attend, and the oleaginous cousin. Mr Collins, will slip in as well. Fliza Bennet will be absent, however, to the disappointment of many. "We had hoped to get Jennifer Ehle too, but she was busy." says Jonathan Wolf, president of the Union. But there is consolation in Anna Chancellor."

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### THE PACE QUICKENS

Major may not have the luxury of waiting

The pace of politics has suddenly accelerated. Yesterday's revelation in The Times of an incipient anti-Major plot among senior Tories was swiftly followed by a completely unexpected cut in interest rates. A few hours later the Government announced a White Paper on Europe, another development as surprising as it was welcome.

The central assumption is still that John Major will prolong the life of the Parliament until the spring of next year - if he possibly can. With the economy showing more signs of pulling out of last year's mid-cycle doldrums, he will want to wait as long as possible for voters to feel the benefits of the modest Budget tax reductions and of recent interest rate cuts. Like any rational politician, he will be reluctant to call a contest as long as his party trails so badly in the polls. But with the political tempo increasing. Mr Major could yet be denied the luxury either of waiting or of choosing his own time.

Tactically, the revelation about a possible leadership challenge may actually help Mr Major, since public discussion of this story may help to flush out potential plotters and scare away those tempted to join, it also allows John Redwood to put down a public marker against a "bloodless" transfer of power to Michael Heseltine.

But whatever the immediate tactical advantages, this new evidence of instability and disaffection at the heart of the Tory establishment does further damage to the credibility of Mr Major's leadership in the party and the country at large. The May local elections now loom as an even more daunting obstacle in Mr Major's path.

The planned publication of the White Paper on Europe is an extremely welcome move. It will do much to calm those senior critics in the Centre Right of the party whose manoeuvrings we reported yesterday. More importantly, it should help to harden the Tory commitment to an unwavering defence of national sovereignty in both the intergovernmental conference and the general election. But the White Paper will also make party management on the Left more difficult for Mr Major until an election is called.

The state of the economy could also force

an acceleration of the electoral timetable, now that the management of monetary policy seems to have moved decisively into political mode. Yesterday's cut in interest rates was overdue and therefore desirable from an economic standpoint, but its timing seemed to owe more to political calculation than to the economic runes.

The fact that the Governor of the Bank of England failed to endorse the Chancellor's action was not in itself a cause for concern. The Governor's judgments on monetary policy have proved consistently too deflationary in the past and, if the Chancellor had to override him again, he was right to do so. What was perplexing, however, was the absence of any economic reason for the Chancellor to decide on a second rate cut so soon after the one of December 13.

Yesterday's economic statistics were, if anything, slightly stronger than expected a month ago. December's statistics could easily have justified an immediate reduction from 6.75 to 6.25 per cent. The economic logic of a quarter point cut before Christmas and another quarter point yesterday was much harder to understand.

Political logic was another matter. Before the new year the Government was undoubtedly planning to play a long game to the general election. If the Chancellor cut interest rates too aggressively, he might have been forced to start raising them again by early 1997. He might also have weakened the case for an expansionary pre-election Budget in November. If, however, there is now a serious chance that the Government may not be able to survive until the end of 1996, the political calculation is transformed. Monetary policy must be loosened as quickly as the economic indicators and the

financial markets permit. Fortunately this happens also to be the right policy for an economy which is still struggling mith mass unemployment and has ample potential for non-inflationary growth. A more expansionary economic policy may not be enough to save Mr Maior. But some acceleration in the economy alongside the political cycle will do no harm either to the Tories or to Britain.

### LAMONT'S ODYSSEY

Harrogate's Tories should embrace the bold rebel

The Tories of Harrogate, the Yorkshire spa town famous for tea-rooms, good sense and toffee, should prepare the fatted calf this evening. The members of the association in this comfortably Conservative seat have the opportunity to select Norman Lamont, the Tories' prodigal son, as their new candidate. They should take it.

Since leaving the Chancellorship Mr Lamont has shown little inclination to opt for the gentle decline into irrelevance of many former ministers. From his barbed resignation statement to his championing of John Redwood's leadership campaign, Mr Lamont has shown his willingness not just to march towards the sound of gunfire but to fire more than a few rounds himself.

Mr Lamont's past dissent might not, at first, recommend him to the Harrogate Conservative Association. Its members would be mistaken, however, to allow this to obscure his record as a distinguished Chancellor of the Exchequer. Whatever one's arguments about individual items of policy, the Tory party does not have so many MPs of stature that it can afford to lose one unnecessarily.

It is the mark of good parliamentary management - on which the Prime Minister rightly prides himself - to be able to make use of talented rebels. We can particularly recall in this column how Russell and Gladstone's attempts at parliamentary reform in 1866 were thwarted by the Adullamite Liberals under Times leader-writer and Caine MP Robert Lowe. The Government fell but when Gladstone came to power in 1874 he made Lowe his Chancellor. From Gladstone to Thatcher, the most energetic administrations have used their outsiders.

Mr Lamont's eagerness to fight for the reelection of a Conservative government stands in marked contrast to too many of his colleagues. Fifty sitting Tory MPs have already signalled their intention not to stand at the next general election. They may lack the stomach for the struggle, but Mr Lamont is willing to forgo an easy life of ermined leisure and City sinecures. He deserves the chance to stand

The loss of 50 experienced members from the Tory benches cannot be easily borne by a party that has so felt the want of wise counsel. Mr Lamont will be all the more valuable to them after what promises to be a difficult election. He should be allowed his due part to play in shaping the future of his party. His speeches and articles, particularly on Europe, have stiffened Tory sinews after Maastricht, allowing him to claim, with some satisfaction, after last year's party conference: "We are all sceptics now."

There are particular reasons why Harrogate Tories would be fortunate to have Mr Lamont as a member. They have been illserved by the charmless incumbent, Robert Banks. A cavalier like Mr Lamont would bring colour to Conservatism in the West Riding. Perhaps, most importantly, the Tories will be under pressure to hold Harrogate from a strong Liberal Democrat challenge. In his 25 years as MP for Kingston upon Thames, Mr Lamont has had to beat back sustained Lib Dem attack. He

knows the enemy, and how to defeat them. In his last speech to the Tory party conference as Chancellor Mr Lamont promised, in the words of Tennyson's Ulysses, "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield". He also knows, in Tennyson's words, "how dull it is to pause, to make an end, to rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use". Mr Lamont has been forced to wander too long in search of a safe harbour. If he found rest in Harrogate, he would serve Harrogate well.

### **MR ROBINSON**

'Male typist claims discrimination by office agency'

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Tap, tap... Who's there? A male. A male who? A male typist, typecast: and ready to haul you to a tribunal before you can say "55words-per-minute or my name's not

This is a story of our perplexing times. Alan Robinson, a twinkle-fingered mantypist from Leeds has just lost his case against a recruitment agency for secretaries. His allegation, that he had been discriminated against by Office Angels - the agency in question - because of testosterone in his typing, was yesterday dismissed by an industrial tribunal. The tribunal's reasons we report on another page: let it suffice here, in expository shorthand, that Mr Robinson appears to have lost on a technicality.

We urge Mr Robinson not to lose heart, nor even to drown his typewriter in a dozen bitter pints of Tetley's. He must pack up his troubles in his old kit bag and type, type, type. Tachygraphy - unlike fortune-telling or child-bearing — is not just a female art. As many men practise it today as do women, although more often for themselves than for another person. And it was not until after the First World War that women clack-clacked their way to the head of the typing pool: before that men ruled the world of the inky ribbon, and ruled it well.

Mr Remington's early machines were unwieldy beasts, heavy of body and obstinate of key. Bashing a letter out whether long or short - called for a burliness of which few girls of the age boasted, If T. S. Elion's typist in The Waste Land — the first recorded woman typist in English poetry - was already home "at teatime" and laying out "food in tins", it was because she was worn out with the fatigue of her vocation. It was only when the war was over, the men scarcer and the typewriters sweeter-keyed that women began to colonise the position to which the unhappy Mr

Robinson now aspires. There is a proverb from Africa - the continent, in fact, of the Secretary bird - which says that women "hold up half the sky". We are not told who, or what, holds up the other half, but we have a hunch that it is the men. Hands that hold up half the sky can surely find their way around the less vast keyboard of a typewriter. Let Mr Robinson try and type again: he should have much better luck next time. He is already more famous than he was before his first rejection.

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ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### bid for Forte

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, As a former President of the Board of Trade, the first Chairman of the Takeover Panel, one-time President of the Wider Share Ownership Council, and of the British Hotels and Restaurants Association, J welcome your editorial (January 18; see also letters, January 13, 15) warning of the consequences of a Granada victory over Forte. I should say that I also have a family connection to the Fortes. and am a small shareholder in Mercury Asset Management, which holds 15 per cent of Forte and is said to control its fate.

In my view it would be a tragedy for this country, and for the City, if Forte were destroyed in this way. It is a well-established British company woven into the fabric of society, as well as a substantial foreign exchange earner in an increasingly important commer-

Forte's share price in recent years may not have shone. But the company has performed well in very difficult times when many hotel companies have gone to the wall. Now, the hotel trade is beginning to boom again and Forte stands to make excellent profits. These should be reaped by Forte and its shareholders and not lost in an asset-stripping exercise reminiscent of the worst excesses of the 1980s. Shareholders, customers, employees, and the City's reputation would all suffer from Forte's destruction by Granada.

It would be against the public interest. I am confident that when the City institutions consider the wide implications of the bid they will reject it.

Yours faithfully, SHAWCROSS. House of Lords. January 18.

### Lottery and charities

From the Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, I was pleased to read (report, January 16) some medical charities reporting healthy increases in income in the last year. The returns available show that larger medical research charities have been able to increase their income from planned giving and from legacies, but not from discretionary income.

Unfortunately, as our research into the impact of the National Lottery on charitable giving shows, there appears to be a downturn in discretionary giving to street collections, raffles, coffee mornings, etc.
Our latest figures suggest that the

percentage of people actually donat-ing to charity has dropped by some 10 per cent. A number of charities, especially the larger ones, may be able to offset any impact of this reduction by changing their fundraising strategies, although the evidence for this is mixed. It is, however, much more difficult for charities with fewer resources, or those who are very dependent on individual donations, to

diversify in a short period of time.

The Home Office has recently announced a most welcome pro-gramme of research which will give a comprehensive picture of the impact the lottery has had on charitable income.

In the meantime, it is important that all those concerned with charitable giving are able to get across the message that the best way of giving to charity is through direct donations.

Yours faithfully, STUART ETHERINGTON, Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Organisations. Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, NI. January 16.

### **Lord Colyton**

From Mr Andrew Roberts

Sir. Far from disregarding "the gold-en rule" that politicians should not be definitive about predictions, Henry Hopkinson, Lord Colyton (obituary, January 10) did not actually use the word "never" in the House of Commons in specific relation to Cyprus's future sovereignty.
What he said was, "I am not going

as far as that this afternoon", and read out word-for-word the statement which the Cabinet had agreed that morning and which, had it not been for flu, would have been delivered by his Colonial Office superior, Oliver

Nor was Hopkinson really a "reactionary" over African affairs, although he did believe, along with his friend and colleague Lord Salisbury and many others, that decolonisation was being pursued by Macmillan and Madeod at a pace too fast for Westminster-style democracy to survive once the British left. In view of the plight of democracy and human rights in Africa today, who can doubt they were right?

Colyton was personally friendly with Jomo Kenyatta, Kenneth Kaunda and many other black African leaders, and his deep understanding of African affairs was widely acknowledged.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW ROBERTS, 2 Tite Street, SW3.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

### Granada takeover Issues at stake in continuing Newbury bypass protest

From the Chief Executive of the Wildlife Trusts and others

Sir, The protests over the Newbury bypass have been portrayed by much of the press recently as the actions of a rag-tag bunch of rent-a-mob activists trying to stop a perfectly reasonable new road which has widespread public support. This is highly misleading. Building the mad would cause serious damage to one of the most beautiful parts of

southern England and several sites of major importance for wildlife. These include the Kennet and Lambourn valleys (both rivers have been designated sites of special scientific in-terest, so are protected in law), Snels-more Common SSSI and a local nature reserve at Rack Marsh. The bypass is opposed, in its current form, by all Britain's leading conservation organisations as well as statutory agencies such as the National Rivers Authority.

There has never been a proper environment impact assessment because the entry into force of the relevant EU directive in 1988 post-dated (by a few weeks) the start of the first public

inquiry into a bypass. The decision by the Department of Transport to proceed with the road makes a nonsense of the Biodiversity Steering Group's report, received only last month with great enthusiasm by the Secretary of State for Environment, John Gummer. Chalk rivers and heathland were two of the habitats, and otters one of the species, singled out by the report for special attention. Ironically, two superb chalk river flood meadows, prime otter habitat and heathland will be damaged by the road.

We know full well that Newbury has a serious traffic problem and that a solution has to be found. But the proposed bypass route is not the answer. According to government fore-casts, traffic on the A34 in Newbury will be back to the "intolerable" levels

of today within five to ten years of the bypass opening. A range of alternative options, including better traffic management, would reduce congestion in the town far more effectively and at a fraction of the cost, yet these have only been given cursory consideration.

The actions of the protesters are born out of frustration with the failure of the official system to give any semblance of proper account to the destruction of a truly wonderful piece of English countryside when there are other realistic options available. Yours faithfully. SIMON LYSTER.

Chief Executive. The Wildlife Trusts, PETER MELCHETT (Greenpeace UK). RICHARD MORRIS (Council for British Archaeology), ROBIN PELLEW (Worldwide Fund for Nature, UK), CHARLES SECRETT (Friends of the Earth). BARBARA S. YOUNG (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds). The Green, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln. January 17.

From the Chief Constable of Thames

Sir, Your report of January 13 on the Newbury bypass protest stated that police had "adopted a tough approach after pressure from local politicians". This comment is entirely wrong. The operational command of the police at the construction site is mine, and I do not accept instructions or pressure from politicians, local or otherwise.

The policy of the two forces involved — Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police, in a joint operation - is to be even-handed to everyone, whatever their involvement in the Newbury bypass scheme, and to enforce the law firmly and fairly against those who break it.

The project is likely to last two and a half years. During the past week, at the beginning of that long period, our officers worked in accordance with a prepared plan, designed to make clear to everyone the demarcation between the role of police under the criminal law, and the role of the contractors under the civil law of trespass. The question of political pressure does not

Yours faithfully. CHARLES POLLARD. Chief Constable, Thames Valley Police Headquarters, Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Adrian Fisher

Sir. I was shocked by your photograph (January II) of a ring of security men needing to defend a mechanical digger, and your report that it is costing £20,000 a day to provide security for

the Newbury bypass project. These self-appointed environmental pressure groups are showing a cynical lack of respect for the democratic process. They lost the argument at Newbury after 20 years of lobbying and vastly expensive public consultation procedures. Now they are causing further cost to the taxpayer by their aggressively obstructive tactics.

Why should anyone give organisa-tions such as Friends of the Earth the benefit of the doubt in future? They would achieve far more long-term influence and respect if they picketed from now on in a way that entailed no extra security cost.

I feel strongly and very positively about environmental issues. But don't feel represented by this self-indulgent and wasteful behaviour. As a taxpayer I feel I am, in effect, being

Yours faithfully. ADRIAN FISHER, Victoria Lodge, 5 Victoria Grove, Southsea, Hampshire. January 11.

### **Hospital future**

From the Dean of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and others

Sir. The medical staff and midwives of Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital much appreciate the expressions of high regard in your article, "The Harvey Nichols of baby units" (January 16). But we are confident that the best future for Queen Charlotte's is in ren set alongside one of the most important medical and scientific centres

in the country. Many of the innovations in care which your celebrity mothers spoke of have been developed under the auspices of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Its work is currently undertaken on a split site - Queen Charlotte's and Hammersmith Hos-

The proposed new £9 million pur-pose-built Queen Charlotte's hospital will bring the Institute together on the

Hammersmith site. Our research and innovative work would be enhanced and our ability to care for women with complicated pregnancies would be strengthened.

If the hospital fails to move, the limitations of the facilities on Goldhawk Road will hinder its clinical progress and the hospital will not be able to hold its position as the leading centre in the country for the care of women and their babies. Yours faithfully,

WINSTON, Dean, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. K. EDMONDS linical Director, Women's and Children's Services), M. DeSWIET (Chairman, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital Medical Advisory Committee),

L. PAGE Queen Charlotte's Professor of Midwifery. hames Valley University) Hammersmith Hospital. Du Cane Road, W12

### January 16.

World voyagers From Mrs Wyn Galpin

Sir. I completely agree with your own observation in your leading article of January 8, that the sentiments it expresses "may sound a puritanical doctrine". The Finch family are to be commended for their courage in undertaking the challenge of a longterm cruise around the holiday world, not criticised for wanting something different and potentially more pleasant than the normal rut.

To observe that they "voyaged only as far as Spain", especially under adverse conditions in the Channel and a difficult passage across the Bay of Biscay, suggests a certain lack of appreciation of what an achievement this is in itself.

It may be that Mr Finch and his family were not sufficiently prepared for such an adventure, and it is certainly a serious misapprehension to imagine that long-term sailing is a perpetual holiday; but as Mr Finch observes, "At least we had a go", and no doubt they learnt a great deal about themselves in the process.

Dreams are most certainly not just for dreaming. They are the primary motivation for us to reach beyond ourselves and accomplish great things. Where would we be without the great dreamers?

Yours faithfully WYN GALPIN, Sailing Yacht Union Jock. Maule Lake Marina. North Miami Beach, Florida, USA. January 10.

### Primary school needs

From Mrs Betty Root

Sir. I was delighted to read Gillian Shephard's announcement (report, January 6) of the Government's intention to allocate £25 million to rectify the poor teaching of literacy and numeracy skills in some of our primary schools.

The Reading & Language Centre in the University of Reading, where I was director, ran for many years onemonth, full-time, intensive courses to help teachers and lecturers become more knowledgeable about the diverse ways to teach reading.

The courses met a positive response from hundreds of teachers but, like those in many other universities, fell Cold peace politics From the Head of the Conflict Studies Research Centre

Sir, In your report of January 3 (later editions). "Wars on the rise, says US think-tank", my oplleague, Professor Alexander Kennaway, was quoted as saying that he never believed the Warsaw Pact would attack Nato, Left standing on its own, that remark could mislead your readers as to the position of this centre.

During the Cold War, the Soviet Studies Research Centre (our name at the time) did not think a premeditated attack on Nato was at all likely.

The reason for our confidence was not any naive belief in Soviet friendship or goodwill but stemmed from our conviction that the Soviet leadership regarded war as a tool of policy to be used when peace was no longer helping to achieve the ends of that

As long as Nato remained united and strong, and the threat to use nuclear weapons against the USSR re-mained credible, war with Nato made na sense to the Kremlin.

The fact that the post-1945 peace in Europe outlived the Soviet Union is due to Western strength and resolution and Soviet realism, not to any dedication to the cause of peace for its own sake.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES DICK. Conflict Studies Research Centre. Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Camberley, Surrey. January 10.

victim to the introduction of the singleday structure for in-service training

(Baker days) in the late 1980s. The Government's scheme may be new in being a coordinated national initiative, but it sounds as if it will be reviving much of what was lost at that time. Sadly, in the intervening years, so many children have suffered the indignity of struggling to read, with their self-image unnecessarily impov-

Improved standards of literacy and numeracy can only be achieved with long-term and consistent policies.

Yours faithfully. BETTY ROOT. 5 Kelburne Close, Winnersh. Nr Wokingham, Berkshire:

### Political debate

From Mr David Prockter

Sir, Sir John Nott calls upon the media (letter, January 13) to do more to encourage intelligent debate about the great issues facing the country.

Sir Ludovic Kennedy, a media doyen, responds (letter, January 18) by labelling Sir John one of a "sad bunch of Conservative politicians", by delivering a catty personal attack based on a trivial incident that happened more than ten years ago and by concluding with a repetition of personal prejudice that he does not bother to substantiate. How depressing.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PROCKTER. 36 London Road, Marlborough. Wiltshire. January 18.

### Myth exploded

From Mr John A. Baker

Sir. Your leading article, "Up and away" (January 13), says copies of The Times were delivered to Paris by balloon during the siege in 1870. No balloons flew into Paris during that

mail and homing pigeons. The pi-geons returned with microscopically reduced letters that were projected on to a large screen and then copied for onward delivery. The Prussians allowed the United States minister, who remained at his

Balloons that left the capital carried

post in Paris during the siege, to receive weekly bags of dispatches. mail and newspapers. That was how The Times reached Paris. Yours faithfully, JOHN A. BAKER

(Vice-Chairman, The British Balloon Museum and Library). 3 Wenlock Edge, Charvil, Reading, Berkshire.

### Wonder pills

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Assuming that Mr Osborne's wife is not presently suffering from any of the side-effects threatened by her pills (letter, January 15) she should take them: they will either cure her original malaise or give her a new and interesting range of ailments to worry about. Or both. Alternatively, the pills would seem to be guaranteed to unblock drains, or

even be of interest to the Ministry of Defence as a new means of chemical

Yours sincerely. GEOFFREY H. LLOYD, Longacre, 73 High Street. Little Wilbraham. Cambridge.

From Dr John Sult

Sir, All drugs are poisons. Take them if the benefits ourweigh their side-

Yours faithfully. JOHN C. SALT (Consultant anaesthetist), 13 Grafton Square, SW4.

From Mr David W. Hill Sir. Mr Osborne regrettably fails to

name his wife's pills. Are they called "Kill or Cure"? Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. HILL. 62 Williams Avenue. Weymouth, Dorset.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of ire), at the Memorial Service for Licutenant Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness-shire)
which was held in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, this

The Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Princess Alexan-dra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, were represented by Captain Neil Blair,

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Commander Henry Bruce.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 18: The Prince Edward. Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northoli for Dublin and was received on arrival by Her Maj-esty's Ambassador to the Republic Ireland (Mrs Veronica

His Royal Highness later attended the presentation of Gold Awards of Gaisce, The President's Award, by the President of the Republic of Ireland.

The Prince Edward this evening

attended the Gaisce's Tenth Anniversary Dinner in Dublin

Lieutenant Colonel Sean **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, this morning attended a Reception for current and prospective patrons at the British Academy of Film and London, WI. Her Royal Highness, President

Television Arts, Piccadilly.

of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this afternoon visited Kensington and autrinon visites acassingon and Chelsen Safer Cities Project, Dartrey Tower, World's End Es-tate, and Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3. The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, later attended a Reception for HMP Service Staff at

London SWI. Her Royal Highness, Past Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening attended a dinner at Vintners' Hall, Upper

Cleland House, Page Street,

KENSINGTON PALACE January 18: The Princess of Wales today launched ChildLine's Tenth Birthday Appeal at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. KENSINGTON PALACE

January 18: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning received Lieutenant Commander Christopher Parry RN on relinquishing command of HMS Gloucester. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended the Windsor and Eton Society's Golden Jubilee Banquet at the Castle Hotel. Windsor, and were received on arrival by Mr John Handcock (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire.

YORK HOUSE. ST JAMES'S PALACE January 18: The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Leuchars, today received Group Captain Nigel Sudborough on relinquishing the appointment of Station Commander and Air Commodore Jack Haines on accepting the appointment of Sta-tion Commander and Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

### Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-national Association, will visit Castlebar College, Castlebar, Co Mayo, at 10.45 to meet Galsce participants and leaders; and will attend a Gaisce reception and luncheon at Ashford Castle. Co Mayo, at 12.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, will attend a service of thanksgiving at the Church of All Saints, Northampton, at 11.25; will attend a reception at the Guildhall, at 12.20; will visit the Nimbus Laboratories, Lower Farm Road, Moulton Park, at 2.00; and will visit Wardington Court, Welford Road, Kings-thorpe, at 3.00 to mark the associ-

### British Museum

Mr Graham Greene to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the British Museum from April 6 in the a Deputy succession to Lord Windlesham. Greater London.

### Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at II.00.

### Lord O'Brien of Lothbury

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, GBE, PC, FRCM, will be held in British Empire, the Crypt, St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30am on Thursday, March 14. Those attending are requested to take their seats by 11.15am. For further information, please contact the Assistant Secretary, Bank

### Dr H.K. Prescot A service of thanksgiving for the

on Friday, February 23, in Eton College Chapel, at 2.45pm. Deputy lieutenant

life of Kelsali Prescot will be held

### Field Marshal Sir John Chapple to

BIRTHS: James Wan, inventor, Greenock, 1736; Johann Bode, astronomer, Hamburg, 1747; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Montpellier, 1798; Robert E. Lee, Confederate Commander-in-Chief in the American Civil War. Strat-ford. Virginia. 1807; Alfred Mynn. Goudhurst, Kent, 1807; Edgar Allan Poe, writer, Boston, Bessemer, pioneer of steel produc-tion. Charlion, Hertfordshire. 1813; Paul Cézanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence, 1839: Augustine Birrell,

DEATHS: Hans Sachs, poet and dramatist, Nuremberg, 1576; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Paris, 1865, The first air raid on Britain by German reppelins in the First

King's Lynn, 1915. The Japanese invaded Burnia, Mrs Indira Gandhi became In-

DEATHS

CASEY - Johanna, on 13th January, widow of blichast, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral St Lawrence's, Sidoup, 12 noon Tuesday 23rd January, Donations to Cancer Research Cannasian

DODGSON - Elizabeth (Betty) on January 17th 1996, suddenly st home in Oxford. A much loved aunt and great-stunt. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 22rd January 1996 at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only.

FELLOWS - Howard Always of Sproughton, Ignorich and formerly of Westellitr and Fetsted on January 14th 1996 suddenly but passessing whiles on holiday.

peacefully whilst on holiday. Husband of the late Dorsen and of Margaret, father of William, Devid. Nicholas and Andrew. A much loved and devoted husband, father.

FERGUSON - On 16th January 1996, peacefully of Felpham. Evelyn Marjurie sped 93 years. Belowd with of the Inte Lt. Col. J.A. Ferguson Ohki. and dear mother of Penetope. Jean and Allen, Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Monday 22nd January at 9.30 um.

FULLER - Suddenly and

poactive is not steep on 17th January 1996. Shells (nie Paton), beloved wife of bischael and mother of Mary. Thomas. James and Rebecca. Requiem Mass at St. Thomas Becket. Tarperley, et 11 Str. on Toesday 23rd January and interment at 51.

GREGOR - Joseph of Barbon, on 16th January, dear hundred of Constance and sother of Felicity. Stephan and Andrew, Family Igneess only. Funeral Service on Monday 22nd January at 2mn at Barbon Church, nr. Kirkhy Lousdale.

stepfather and gra who will be sadly Funeral arrangement approunced later.

### Memorial services

Calthness, the Lord-Lieulentait of Sucherland and Mrs Houston, the Lord-Lieutenaan of Ross and Cromarty and Mrs Stirling of Pairburn, the Lord-Lieutenaan of Naim, the Deputy-Lieutenaan of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey and their Iadles.

Captain D J Ellin (NRO, Scotland and Northern Ireland, representing the Flag Officer Stotland), fellow Royal Navy officers (Long Signals Course). Colonel. A Cumming.

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Royal Naw officers it.nng Signals Course), Colonel A Cumming, Commandant Queens Own Highlanders Bn IACF) (representing the Colonel of The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)), lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Connon (Commanding officer 3rd (Volunteers) Bn The Highlanders, representing the General Officer Commanding Scotland and the Commanders Sist Highland Briggide, and Miss Cumming, the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constabile and Deputy Chief Constabile of the Northern Constability, representatives of Inverness District Council, Highland Regional Council, the Highlands and Islands Fire Brigade the Clan Chattan, and many other triends.

Mrs Margaret Auriol Watkin A hilingual memorial service for Mrs Margaret Auriol Watkin,

Vice-President of The Magistrates

Association of England and Wales and Chairman of its West Wales (Dyfed) Branch, Vice-President of

the Central Probation Council and

Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, was held at St Pe-

ter's, Carmarthen, on January 12.

The Rev Randolph Thomas, JP, vicar, officated, assisted by the Rev

Peter Thomas, of Aberystwyth, the Rev Glyndwr Walker, JP, of Carmarthen, and the Rev T. Arwyn Thomas, MBE, JP, of

Haverfordwest. The Rev J. Elwyn Jenkins, of Aberystwyth, said

prayers. Sir David Mansel Lewis, KCVO, HM Lord Lieutenant of

Dyfed, read passages from Scrip-ture including Psalm 103, verses 15-17 (incl), Ecclesiastes, 3, verses I-

8 (incl) and St John, 14, verses 1-3

(incl).
The Rev Professor J. Tudno

The Spring Term at Giggleswick started on Tuesday, January 16. Mr Michael Hall has taken up his

post as Housemaster of Paley and Mr James Bellis has joined the

staff as Head of Geography. On

Saturday, January 20, a combined concert will be given by the Yorkshire Imperial Brass Band and the Giggleswick School Concert Band. The Chapel Choir will

sing at St Mary's Magdaline, Manningham. Bradford, on Fri-

day. February 9. The Old Giggleswickians hold their

London Dinner at the House of

Commons on Wednesday, March 6 and their Annual Dinner at the

School on Saturday, March 23,

The Dramatic Society will perform

Will Shakespeare - Save the King!

and *The Tempest* on Friday,

March 15, and Saturday, March

Loriners' Company The Princess Royal was present as

the installation dinner of the Loriners' Company held last night

Northcort, Master, presided, Mr Michael Cassidy, Mr W. John

DEATHS

MOCRIPER - George Holmes, peacefully on 14th January, beloved husband of Hittel, adored fether of Vanessa and Julian. and granded of Christopher, Timothy and Jemmier. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church. East Molesey on Tuesday Soft January at 12 noon. Family Jowers only. Doustions. If desired, to Princest Alice Hospitce, West End Labe. East KTIO SNA. Memorial Service on Sunday 10th Service on Sunday 10th March at 4 pm in St Paul's Church. East Modesey.

Church. East Notesey.

HOWARD - On January 16th 1996 after a short libese Giles Philip Eliot died pencentity in Jersey. There will be a private cremation and a Service of Themissyving on Friday 28th January at 11.30 am at St. Marry's. Jersey. Family flowers only. Donations. # desired. to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Funeral Director H.W. Mailland & Son Lid.. St Heiler, Jersey. het. (01534) 37291.

JUPE - Exica, widow of Mr F. Jupe Consultant Surgeon, died pescendly aged 86 on January 16th 1996. Pimeral at Surgethias Companies

January 10th 1996. Finness at Stouristing Crematorium on Wednesday 24th January at 4 ptn. Family flowers only. Donations to Royal London Society for the Bingd c/o A.J. Thumins & Son. 142 Stourbridge Road. Hairsowen, West Midlands Rox 31.11

REEN - William Robert died unexpectedly on 14th January, Dearly loved Husband, Father and Grandfather, Managing, Director of Ede & Ravenecroft, London, Puneral service on Thursday 25th, Longon 1406 of 11 am

Puneral service on Thursday 25th January 1996 at 11 am at 5t John the Evangelist Church, Bourne Hill, Palmers Green, London, NIS, followed by a private cremation, Family Gowers only Donations if desired to "Hornsey Trust for Handicapped Children", c/o A Senvers and Sons, 448 Green Lanes, Palmers Green, NIS.

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Giggleswick School

Lieutemant Commi R.D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, at a service in celebration for the life of Lieutenant Commander Lachlan R.D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh, 30th Chief of Clan Mackintosh and Lord Lieutenant of Lochaber, Invertiess, Badenoch and Strathspey, held yesterday in the Cathedral Church of St Andrew, Inverness.

The Duke of York, Earl of were represented by Captain Neil Blair, RN, and Prince Edward by Lieutenant Commander Henry

The Very Rev Malcolm E. Grant, Provost, officiated. Mr Alan Sellar, Lieutenant Commander Lewis Payne, Mrs Louisa Cross, daughter, and Mr John L. Mackintosh, son, gave readings. Lord Gray of Contin, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Lochaber, Inverness. Badenoch and Strathspey, paid

The Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness said the Prayer of a Clansman and pronounced the

Piper M. Morrison played The Mackintosh Lament. The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr Angus MacKenzie. Among others ent were:

present were:

Mrs C Mackintosh of Mackintosh
(widow), Mr Smart Cross and Mr
Paul Dickson (sons-in-law), the Rev
and Mrs F B Bruce (prother-in-law)
and sister-in-law), Dr V R Bruce and
Mr T R Bruce (prothers-in-law), Mr
Angus Mackintosh, Mrs D Caliender, Mr and Mrs Henriques, Mr
and Mrs Fritzell, Miss M
Mackintosh, Mrs C Ward, Commander and Mrs Stow, Mrs Joyce
Rawssorne, Mrs Mary Gamer-Smith,
Lady Gray of Contin, Lady
Cameron of Lochiel, the LordLieutenant of Morayshire and Mrs
Chesworth, the Lord-Lieutenant of

Michael Crawford, the actor

and singer, is 54 today

Mr Peter Atkinson, MP, 53: Mr

Julian Barnes, writer, 50; Miss

Nina Bawden, novelist, 71; the Earl of Carnarvon, 72: His Honour Sir

Jonathan Clarke, 66; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 76; Mr Stefan Edberg, tennis player, 30; Mr Phil Everly, singer, 57; Mr Richard Francis, racehorse trainer, 50; Mr

W.K. Goldsmith, company direc-tor, 58; Mr William Hayden,

former chairman, Jaguar, 67: Mr Wayne Hemingway, fashion de-signer, 35; Mr Hans Hotter, bass baritone, 87: Sir Alex Jarratt,

Birthdays

today

Williams, of Aberystwyth, a Past Moderator of the Federal Free Church Council of England and Wales, read extracts from Ymadawiad Arthur by T. Gwyn iones and the Sunset Prayer from Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood. The Right Rev J. Ivor Rees. former Bishop of St David's, gave an address and pronounced the blessing. Among those present

Dr Jestyn Morgan Walkin Inusbandl, Mrs Wilma Williams (sister), together with cousins, Professor Ansurin John (New Zealandl, cousins, were unable to remain for the Memorial Service.

Lady Mary Manset Lewis, Mrs For Rees, Mr J E Hosking and Mrs J.D.H. Rose (Vice-Presidents), The Magistrates' Association, with Mrs R.E. Thompson (chairman of council), inates' Association, with Mrs R.E.R. Thompson (chairman of council). Mrs R.A. Fuller (depuny), Mr J.R. Liversedge and Ms S.J. Dickinson (secretary): Mr W.J. Owen (Secretary) of the Dyfed branch with other members of the branch; former colleagues on the Jawelle Course Committee of which Mrs Walchi was chairman for a decade; His Honour D.W. Powell (former Laison Judge for Dyfed), with Mr A. Creunant Davies (chairman, North Cardigarshire Bench), Dr Elizabeth Petry (chairman, Magistrates' Cours

Dyied Powys Police). Mr Alec Stewart Chairmanh. Board of Visitors. Swansea prison), with past and present members of the board Mr Angus Johnson (Vice-President of the Central Probation Council), Mr George Mitchell (chairman), Mr Ieuan Miles (director), Miss Sarnh Gore-Langion (deputy) with colleagues who had setved on the supervision of Offenders Committee during the decade when Mrs Watkin was chairman; Mrs Non Owen (vice-chairman), Mrs Non Owen (vice-chairman) and Mr Geoff Cartledge (Chief Probation Officer) willnessneers of the Dyied Probation Committee, Mrs Janet Miles (Probation officer, Crown Court, Isleworth).

Former colleagues on the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee, the Home Office Research Advisory Committees, the European Com-

Sunday, March 17, followed by the Drama Dinner at which the Speaker will be award winning

laywright. Jonathan Harvey

Term ends on Saturday, March 23

The Scholarship Examinations

take place the week beginning

Monday, February 5. Information

concerning the Scholarships is available from the Headmaster's

St Francis' College, Letchworth

The Spring Term at St Francis' College began on Monday, January 8, and ends on Friday, March 29. Abigail Rochford is Head Girl

and her deputies are Gemma

Kirby and Vivien Underwood. The

Entrance Examinations will be

held on Friday, February 2. A joint Preparatory and Senior School Spring Concert will be held in Chapel on Friday, March 15.

Mr J.B.H. Scanlon, Master of the

Marketors' Company, presided at the installation dinner held last

night at Stationers' Hall. Sir

Marcus Fox, MP, and Mr D.G.

Thomas, Senior Warden, also

spoke. The Master presented awards to Ms Pamela Adkins-

Farmer, Mr John MacDonald and

Marketors' Compan

Mr Andrew Wiseman.

Secretary, 01729 823545.

School news

Tansey, Dublin, President, and My John Halnes, Home Office past president, the Defence of Children international, the British Juvenile and Family Courts Society, the Ceredigion Society for Aner-Care, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, the Central Council of Education and Training in Social Work. The International Criminological Society, Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Broadcasting Council for Wales, the Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunal, members of the Inner Temple, former colleagues on the staff of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth and Swansea, including members of the university of Committees on Legal Educational Terms in the Welsh language, with former students. Representatives of the Tabernatice Weish Presbyterian Church, Aberystwyth, the Rev Hywel Dawns of the Church Weish Presbyterian Church, Aberystwyth, the Rev Hywel Dawns of the Congregational Temerh, Harrow, Middleser, was represented by Miss Eurwen Richards Secretary! Violer Lady Merthyr, widow of the founder of the Magistrates! Eurwen Richards (Secretary).

Violer Lady Merthyr, widow of the founder of the Magistrates' association and the first Chairman of the West Wales branch, Sir Thomas Skyrme, former Secretary of Commissions, Lord Chancellor's Department, junge T. Lewis-Bowen, Dr. Dene: Liwd Morgan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, Abertstwyth, and Mr. Lewis-Rowen, Chairman of the new Cardiganshire County Council unitary authority, regretted they were unable to attend.

Dr K.A. Hallidie Smith A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Katherine Ann

ille and work of Dr Katherine Ann Hallidie Smith, paediatric cardiologist, was held yesterday at the Church of St George the Martyr, Queen Square. The Rev Ronald Partridge officiated. Dr Philip Rees, of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, and Mr Mark Hallidie Smith. nephew, read the lessons. Professor John Goodwin, of Hammer-smith Hospital, Mrs Vivian Farrant and Mr William Hallidie Smith, brother, paid tribute.

### Latest wills

Air Marshal Sir Laurence Alfred Jones, of Government House, Oncham, Isle of Man, late of East Dean, East Sussex, Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man from 1990, and Air Member for Personnel on the Air Board, 1987-1989, left estate valued at £170,513 net.

Mrs Mary Isobel Joy Bravo Haw-kins, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,980,592 net. Lady Richenda Katherine Theodora Stubbs, of London ECI, left estate valued at £226,184 net. Mr Kenneth Frederick Roberts, of Chew Magna, Avon, former chief executive and deputy chairman of Wessex Water, left estate valued at £216,431 net.

Mrs Pamela Joy Engenie Hall, of Ewell, Surrey, left estate valued at El.601.431 net. She left £70,000 and her interest in a property to personal legatess, and the residue to the Salvation Army.

Other estates include (net, before

Jane Watson Gieve, of Farnham, Surrey \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Leigh Mr Colin David Green, of Leigh

### Reception Guild of Freemen of the City

Mr Alderman and Mrs Clive Martin were the hosts at a recep-tion and supper held last night at Innholders' Hall for the Guild of Freemen of the City of London. Colonel J.A. Haire was the

Legal appointments Professional Negligence Bar

Association:
Mr Robin de Wilde, QC, has been elected Chairman of the Professional Negligence Bar Association and Mr Nicholas Davidson, QC, has been elected Vice-Chairman from December 6. New Walk Chambers Mr John Snell has been appointed Head of New Walk Chambers, 27

Circuit Judges Mr Nicholas Peter Riddell and Mr Stephen Philip Waller to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

New Walk, Leicester,

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M.E. Catts and Miss H.A.E. Martin

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the Right Read Richard and Mrs Cutts, of West Deeping, and Harriet, daughter of the Revd Christopher Martin, of Hitchin, and Pam Hughes, of Shepherds Bosh. Mr J.E. Dunford Wood and Miss M.E. Radd

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel C.D.C. Dursford Wood, DFC, and of Mrs A.M. Dunford Wood, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Melissa, daugh ter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rudd, of 15 Kensington Square, London, Mr A.B. Hamilton and Miss N. Sathaporp

The engagement is announced between Andrew Billings, elder son of Mr and Mrs. Gordon son of Mr and Mrs. Solvens Hamilton, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Nipapat, elder daugh-ter of Mrs Prapai Sathaporn and of the late Mr Chote Sathaporn, of Bangkok, Thailand. Mr M.L. Jordan

and Miss E.M. Whelon The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Jordan, of Benicia. California, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.P.C. Whelon, of Old Basing, Hampshire,

Mr H.E. Kennaway and Miss A.C.M. Flott The engagement is announced between Hugh Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Kennaway, of Stam-ford Brook, Lordon, and Alyson Clare Monica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Fioti, of St Brelade, Jersey, Channel islands

Mr P.M. Kenny and Miss C. Cooper The engagement is announced between Paul Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Renny, of Laxembourg, and Charlottee, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Cooper, of Storrington, West Sussex.

Mr R.E. Knapton and Miss K.S.J. Pope The engagement is announced between Russell, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Knapton, of Milton on Stour, Dorset, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.M. Pope, of Lamberhurst, Kent.

Mr I.E. Novick and Miss S.J.L. Jackson The engagement is announced between Ishai, eidest son of Mr and Mrs Mark E. Novick, Edgware, Middlesex, and Johanna, eldest daughter of Mr John D. Jackson, CBE, and Mrs Jackson, of Leeds.

Mr A. Pang and Miss S.L. Rutson The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs I. Pang, of Shouson Hill. Hong Kong, and Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Rutson, of Queens Club

and Miss C.S.A. Ross The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, of Wishorough Green, Sussex, and

Caroline, daughter of Mr David Ross and the late Mrs David Ross, of Morebattle, Roxboroughshire. Mr M.J. Smith and Miss E.T. Crick

The engagement is announced hetween Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs K. Smith, of Thanted. Essex, and Elizabeth Thomasina, voungest daughter of Mr and Mrs youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Crick, of Catterick, North Yorkshire. Mr C.B. Thomson and Miss Y. Sekine

The engagement is announced between Calum, elder son of Dr and Mrs T.J. Thomson, of Great Walsingham, Norlolk, and Yumi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Sekine, of Tokyo, Japan. Mr A.J. Tucker and Miss K.F. Shelley

The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr David Tucker, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Bridget Tucker, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Shelley, of Sutton

Marriages

Lord Neidpath and Miss A. Feilding The marriage took place on December 29, 1995, at the Southern Shining Pyramid, Dashur, Egypt, of Lord Neidpath, son of the Earl of Wemyss and March and the late Countess of Wennyss and March, and Amanda Claire Feilding, youngest daughter of the late Basil and Margaret Feilding.

Mr Q.J. Harmer and Dr R.H. Bower The marriage took place on January 13, at St John't College Chapel, Cambridge, between Mr Quentin Harmer, of Helston, Cornwall, and Dr. Rachel Bower, of Cottingham, East Yorkshire

Mr T. Shannon and Miss M.C. Peyton-Jones The marriage took place on December 23, 1995, in Puttenham, son of Mr and Mrs John Shannon, of The Peak, Hong Kong, and Miss Marina Peyton-Jones, daughter of the late Mr Jeremy Peyton-Jones and of Mrs Peyton-Jones, of Priory Farmhouse, Puttenham.

and Miss P.M.E. Sheridan The marriage took place in Ja-maics, on December 22, between William, son of the late Mr William Stephens and of Mrs Stephens, formerly of Kensington Lodge, Oatlands Park, Surrey, currently of Eastbourne, and Pauline Monica Ereaut, daughter of Mr Cecil Majella Sheridan, CMG, PMN, and Mrs Sheridan, of Queniborough, Leicestershire.

### Church news

The Rev James Baleson, Associate Priest (NSM), St Paul's, Willord Hill, West Bridglord: to be Priestin-charge (NSM), Stamion w Flawborough and Kilvington, and continue as Diocesan Officer for Hon Chaplain, British Geological Survey (Southwell).

The Rev Nine Brown, Minister of Chantry Methodist Church, Assistant Priest in the Samford Deanery and Chaplain to the Deaf (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Priest-in-charge (half-time), Great Blakenham, Little Blakenham and Baylham and Nettlestead, and continue as Minister of Chantry Methodist Church and Chaplain to the Deaf, same diocese. The Rev Caroline Dick, Curate, Hetton-le-Hole: 10 he Curate,

Harton St Peter and to continue as part-time Chaplain of Sunderland University (Durham). The Rev Ben Eaton, Chaplain, Maisons-Lafite, Paris, France, to be an Honorary Canon of St Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Malta (Europe). Canon Bruce Grainger, Vicar,

Ozenhope and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Bradlard): to be Vicar, Ozenhope and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, same diocese. The Rev Christopher Greenwell, Vicar, Hoyland Nether (Sheffield): The Rev Richard Hoyal, Vicar, St Margarets, illdey to be also Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Bradford).

The Rev Paul Judson, Curate, Chester-le-Street: to be Secretary of the Board of Social Responsibility and Assistant Curate, Bishopwear-month St Mark, Millfield, to be known as Associate Minister, and to continue as Editor of Durham Newslink and Durham Network The Ven Gordon Ruhrt, Arch-

descript of Lewisham (Southwark): to be Chief Secretary of the Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster. The Rev Ambrose Mason, European Secretary for the Inter-continental Church Society to be Director of Training for the diocese

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DEATHS

LADENOCH - Str John D.M. F.R.C.P. Lond F.R.C.P. Ed, on 16th January, suddenty at home, very dearty loved hisband of Ame. devoted

hashand of Anne. devoted and beloved father, grandfather and father, law. Funeral Service on Thursday 28th January at 11.50 am in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, Family flowers only. A Memorial Service will be

BOWLZER - Stephen Samuel, dearly loved humand, bither and grandfather. Passed away on 14th January 1996 at the Middlesex Hospital, after a brave tight. He will be with on a slways. Funeral Service to be held at Garston Crematorium at 12.30 pm on 22nd January.

CART - On January 16th 1996 peacefully at his son's home Kenneth (Kalle) of Budieloh Saherion aged 85. Much loved by all his family. Funeral Service at St Mary, Hale on Watnesday January 24th vt 12 noon Family

### for while some are incapable of hastings because they were born so, or were made so by men, there are others who have renounced mar-riage for the sake of the kingston. BIRTHS ZACHARRA - On January 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Befinds and Mahfouz, two bestuliful daughters. Alice and Zoe, sisters for Emma and Sophie.

Matthew 19: 12 (REB).

RIRTHS

a star is born. COLLOSY - On Jenuary 5th 1995, to Jenuiter and Peter. a lovely daughter, isshella Rose Campbell.

Rose Campbell.
FOOT - On January 18th. to
Roomeine and Mick, a son.
RAMPERRAAF - On January
11th at The Portland
Hospital. to Cynthia and
Publ. a son. Stellan Gregory.
a berther for Aurent. BEET - Ernest H. Beet, Newcaste, Staffs, Gumerly of Lincoln), former Officer in Tutors Association. Tours Association.

BIZLEY - Michael Tarence inwin Fia. Pig. Fiss, father of Rosalind and Richard, died peacefully on January 12th 1996 after a long liness. Funeral Service at Randalis Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey on Monday January 22nd at 4.30 pm. Flowers or donations to Hearing Research Trust c/o Tradove. 18 Church Road, Epson. Surrey. a brother for Americ. IRCHI - On January 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Junko and Fundaki Rouka, a

UGHES - On January 170: 1996, to Charlotte (née Parry) and Jeremy, a daughter, Natasha Hobel, a sister for Alice, Thomas and

Daysel.

PHILIPS - On New You's

Day, to Penelope (née

Prophet) and Richard. 2

daughter. Katharine

Penelope a sister for Jessica. RICHARDS - On January 11th, in New York, to Helen

ROSE - On 31st December 1995, to André and Jacqueline (née Grwys-Williams), a son, Schoplinn Arthur David, a brother for Hale on Weinesday January
24th at 12 2000. Family
10 wers of donations to
Salishury Hospice Care Trust
may be sent c/o John
Sharing, 34 provet Street.
Fordinghridge SP6 LAY. Amber.

SWENTON - On January 12th
1996 in Park to Sandy and
Emma (née Carbutt) a
daughter Amus, a sister for
Elotis and Lucy. Always
remembering Many.

Anniversaries Lancashire, 1890; Janis Joplin, rock singer, Texas, 1943.

World War, Great Yarmouth and

1942 dia's first female Prime Minister,

### Reilly, rugby league coach, 48; the Duke of St Albans, 57; Mr John

DEATHS

GLENDEVON - On 18th January after a long filmes. John Adrian Hope The Rt. Hou. Lord Glendevon P.C. Dearly level husband of Liza and father of Julian and Josephan. Supplemen of Nic and Camilla. Funeral Service at St. Andrews Church of Scotland. The Creams on

GRAHT - Many Jean, of New Zealand and Lundon, died on 27th December 1955 after a long illness, impatiently borne. Cremetery, East Creen Cornetery, East Chapel, Wednesday 24th January 10.15 am. Family flowers only please. Doustions to ENIE.

GREGORY - Lacuard Albert former investment Trust former investment Trust former investment Trust Manager with Keinwort Benson of Cherrydene, Garden Close Lane. Newbury ded peacetailty at Woodbridge House, Newbury on 16m January ased 86, Now re-mined with his baloved wite Eva and already missed by his sons Biphen, Roper, Nicholas and all the family and urandchildren. Funeral at Reading Crematorium, Caversham on Friday, 28m January at 2.50 pm. Family flowers only phesse. Any donalions to the Third Newbury Scouts Group which please send /o Turner Brothers. 15 Hampton Road, Newbury RG14 SUS.

HEATH - Frederick William on 18th Jamuscy 1996 at home, Much loved father of Angré and grandfather of Helena, Neola and Josepa, Service at Mortiske Crematarium on Wednesday Jun. herenary at 3.

pherson, chief executive, 3i Group, 54; Brigadier Helen Meechie, for-mer director, WRAC, 58; Mr mer director, WRAC, 58; Mr David Newbigging, former chair-man, Rentokil Group, 62; Mr Nigel Nicolson, author, 79; Mr Robert Palmer, singer, 47; Miss Dolly Parton, country music singer and actress, 50; Señor Javier Perez de Quéllar, former Secretary-General, United Nations, 76; Mr Broan Pringle, actor, 61; Sir Simon Bryan Pringle, actor, 61; Sir Simon Rattle, conductor, 41; Mr Malcolm Spencer, former Headmaster, Berkhamsted School, 73; Sir John Stanley, MP, 54: Mr Gary Titley, MEP, 46: Mr Keith Topley, senior master, Queen's Bench Division. 60: Mr David Tredinnick, MP, 46:

### Briggs, Mr Desmond R. Fitz-Patrick and the Wardens also former chairman. Smiths industries, 72: Mr Richard Lester, film director, 64: Mr E.C.S. Mac-HM Government Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a dinner given lest night at Lan-caster House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of Mr Ali

Alatas. Foreign Minister of Shipwrights Company Mr Ole S. Kverndal, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, presided at the annual election pressoed at the armual election dinner held last night at Iron-mongers' Hail. Mr David Jewell. Master of Haileybury and Imperial Service College, was the principal guest and speaker. The Masters of the Watermen's and the Lightermen's and the Arbitrators' Companies, the Deputy Master of Trinity House and the Deacon of the Earl of Wernyss and March. KT, 84. the Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow were among the guests.

### Luncheon

Dinners

**HM** Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC. Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesierday at I Carlion Gardens in honour of Mr Ali Alates, Foreign Minister of

University news

New College The college has pre-elected to fellow-ship from October 1 Robert Chris-topher Towneley Parker, Wykeham Professor of Ancient History.

MELLOR - Peacefully in Hontion Hospital on 17th January 1996 Marjory Emily, Friend of many. Fuperal Service on Tuestay 28rd January at St Chies Carch, Northeigh, Hospital at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at Entire & Devon Crematorium at 3 pm, Family flowers only. Departum Hospital Services, 184, Hogh Street, Hospita, Devon, Br 101404) 41424.

MILLAR - Elsen Phyllis May

on 15th January 1996 prescribly at Rush Court, in her 90th year. Don'ty loved widow of Bill, mother of Richard and the late Graham and sispnother of Daphna. Cremation at Reading Crematorium at 10.15 am on Tuesday 20th January 1996.

Tuesday 30th January 1996 with a Service of Thankagivins at Goring-Parish Charts at 12 nees on 50th January. Family flowers but doublions witcome to DGAA at Rush Court. Wallingford OX10 St.

DEATHS

# PERSONAL COLUMN

# DEATHS MURRAY-SMITH On January 17th very peacefully, Cora, much loved mother of Jane, Saity, Jo, the leve lain, grandmother and Service at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday 24th January 1996 at 12 noon, Family flowers only, Enquiries to LF, Lintott & Sun, North Street, Midburst, GU29 9DG, Lei: (01730) 81,3264.

MANN - Robin Hasiam very suddenly on 17th January. Loving friend to Penny. Adored father of Annabel and Philippa, much loved father-to-lew of Nicolai and Rick. Dearly loved grandfather of Alexander and Caristopher. He will be dreasfully messed Funeral at All Saints Church. Rotherfield Pupperd, Henisy on Thames, on Thursday 25th January at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to RNLI appreciated. McCABE - James (Jhm), died ist Jammsy 1996, aged 61 years. Requiem Mass to be held at Our Lady of Grace Churck. Chiswick, on Salurday 27th January at

Tuesday 25rd Jenoary at 12 20cs. Family flowers only. Donations it winted for Little Horstord Church Roof Appeal, Enquiries to A. Hostins & Son. Ist: (01584) 872048.

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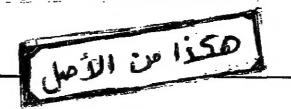
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### ADMIRAL SIR RAE McKAIG

Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, KCB. CBE, United Kingdom Military Representative to Nato, 1973-75 died on January 7 aged 73. He was born on April 24, 1922.

POSSESSED of an acute and agile intellect. Rae McKaig was also renowned for his civilised charm. unquenchable good humour and an endearing generosity towards both great and small.

Although his father was a distinguished soldier who won two DSOs on the Western Front during the First World War, John Rae McKaig decided to enter the Royal Navy. As a midshipman, he served in the cruisers Sheffield and Berwick, taking part in the unsuccessful Norwegian campaign of April 1940 and some of the more hazardous operations in the Mediterranean in 1941.

Transferring to destroyers, he served first in the Foresight and then the Hunt class Puckeridge. The latter was one of the destroyers sunk by air attack during the expensive attempt to take and hold the islands of Kos, Leros and Samos in November 1943 after the Italian surrender had altered the strategic balance in the Aegean. McKaig was one of very few to be rescued after spending a long time in the water. As the only surviving officer, it was his duty, aged 21, to write to all his shipmates' next-of-kin.

After taking part in the Normandy landings in an assault group, he was given command of Motor Torpedo Boat 764 and fought in the bitter campaign to clear the Scheldt Estuary. His war service ended with a specialisation course in communications and his subsequent postings reflected this expertise, including a tour in the Admiralty and other operational staff appointments.

While in the Persian Gulf in 1952, and barely in the seniority zone for promotion, he was promoted commander at the very early age of 30. This clear recognition of McKaig's outstanding qualities was somewhat nullified by what happened next; after the end of the Korean War and a series of defence reviews it had become apparent that there were not enough warships to allow sufficient sea com-mand experience for all the officers who were eligible. The Admiralty solution was to institute Post and General lists, old-fashioned terms that rapidly became known as "wet" and ry" for self-apparent reasons.

There was a need to convince the dry" list that, despite their inability to exercise the crowning function of sea command, their promotion chances remained good and that they were not



second-class citizens. It is a fair bet that the young Commander McKaig was among those of talent and promise who were politically chosen for the "dry" list with this in mind.

Many resigned in discontent but it was typical of McKaig that he continued to give of his best. After a tour as Fleet Communications Officer Home Fleet, he was sent as second-incommand to HMS Ganges, the cele-brated boys' training establishment at Ipswich. Here he met for the first time the redoubtable Captain (later Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh) Mackenzie, who remembers him as a quite oustanding executive officer of a boys' training establishment: "Simply faultless. I had nothing to do — provided I did what McKaig wanted!"

When he attained another early promotion to captain, McKaig went to the Admiralty and was selected for the Imperial Defence College before being appointed in command of the minelayer-headquarters ship Manxman, due to go to the Far East.

A chance to break the "wet" and

"dry" nexus had been offered but shortly, after joining, McKaig was summoned by the Admiralty and told he had been selected as deputy to Rear-Admiral Hugh Mackenzie, who had been charged with managing the creation of the United Kingdom's submarine-based nuclear deterrent (based on the American Polaris missile). His boss had been allowed to take his pick of all the captains in the Navy. Mackenzie later recorded that, despite his very real disappointment at being hijacked out of a long-sought-after sea appointment. McKaig entered wholeheartedly into his new onerous post which taxed all his talents.

Mackenzie had been assigned to manage the Polaris project on Boxing Day 1962. Less than seven years later, in July 1969, the Royal Navy assumed responsibility for the deterrent, as Resolution, the first ballistic missile submarine, arrived in her patrol area. Between these two dates the Polaris

executive had to set up and then control to fruition a project of novel size, cost and complexity - and one which did not rest easily among the established equipment procurement structures. McKaig had to install a battery of new management techniques, build a robust and detailed project plan and, despite the high priority accorded to the programme, negotiate persuasively for people and resources from other authorities, some of whom believed that the proper business of the Royal Navy would be damaged by this expensive irrelevancy. Mckaig's con-tribution to Britain's future defence policy was substantial. He was appointed CBE in 1966.

After a tour in command of the Navy's signals school at Portsmouth, he was promoted rear-admiral and put in charge of the Admiralty division which defined future equipment needs. In 1970 he was promoted vice-admiral and appointed Flag Officer, Plymouth. His final post, as a full admiral, was in Brussels as the United Kingdom's military representative on the Military Committee, Nato's highest-ranking military authority, where his powers of negotiation, political sense and friendly charm found plenty of scope. He retired in 1975, having been appointed a KCB in 1973.

With energies undiminished McKaig became a director of Inchcape and the chairman and chief executive of its shipping subsidiary, Gray Mackenzie & Co, until 1986. He was also the founder and director of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions, a unique grouping of Britain's foremost tourist attractions in terms of visitor numbers and reputation.

A member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Royal Ocean Racing Club, he was a keen offshore racing sailor as well as a fisherman and shot. He was recently elected a member of the Worshipful Company of Ship-wrights. Like many other naval officers, he was a talented artist in watercolours, but "never had enough time for it".

His charitable activities included membership of the Royal Patriotic Fund and the management committee of the RNLI, as well as support for the Winged Fellowship for the disabled. For many years a churchwarden at Hambledon, he was also particularly proud of the success of his six-year campaign to set up a low-cost housing association in the village. He married Susan Marriott in 1945

and is survived by her and two sons and a daughter.

### **BARBARA JORDAN**

Barbara Jordan, former **US** Democratic Congresswoman, died from pucumonia on January 17 aged 59. She was born on February 21.

BARBARA JORDAN was the first Afro-American to be elected to Congress from America's Deep South since the end of Reconstruction in 1877. She also possessed one of the most recognisable voices in American politics during the 1970s: a booming organ of magisterial authority. During an age when political oratory had given way to the more superficial demands of television, Jordan still liked to harangue her audiences with Churchillian vigour,

Her first real impact on a wide American public came as the "inquisitor" - a description she borrowed from Shaw's St Joan — on the House Judiciary Committee in 1974 which voted to impeach President Nixon. Her strong words, coupled with the image of a black woman challenging the President, impressed her fellow-Americans: "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total. And I am not going to be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

Barbara Charline Jordan was born in Houston, Texas, and grew up in poverty. although she never tried to make political capital of the fact. She was the daughter of a strict Baptist minister who moonlighted as a warehouseman to pay for her education.

She proved an outstanding student and graduated magna cum laude from the all-black Texas Southern University. Already she was honing her oratorical skills, and led the college debating team to a draw against Harvard. She gained a law degree from Boston University in 1959.

She returned to Houston and for a time practised law from her parents' dining room table, but her real interest was now in politics. It was not an easy road for a woman in her position to travel. After assisting in the Kennedy 1960 presidential campaign, she ost two bids for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and 1964. Then, in 1966, she raised her sights, ran for the Texas Senate, and won.

She was the first black person ever elected to that body.

Jordan was so successful in the state legislature that when she decided to run for Congress in 1971 the result was a landslide. She took 80 per cent of the vote in the primary election to defeat three male opponents, and then went on to trounce the Republican contender by a majority of 66,000.

Along the way she had also picked up a powerful patron: President Lyndon Johnson. It was partly through Johnson's earlier patronage that the freshman Jordan found herself on the House Judiciary Committee in 1974, charged with deciding on the impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

Jordan's impassioned and eloquent arguments against Nixon, based on strictly constitutional grounds, marked her indelibly on the American public mind. She became a voice to be heard, and never to be ignored, on liberal issues ranging from civil rights, edu-cation and the plight of the poor, to protection of the environment, military spending and the power of the oil industry. She was more comfortable working quietly through the legislature than in joining in the marches or demos of the times.

Her power was in her voice, which reminded one listener

less of the black preacher and more of the white southern gentleman lawyer, arguing his case with passion. She used it to brilliant effect in 1976 when, as keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention, she warned against the divisions in American society, and called for a true "national community". Delegates listened in rapt attention, and ended in a near ecstatic ovation. With no particular reference to her race. she said that her inclusion as a speaker — a "most unusual" choice — was one more piece of evidence that "the American dream need not forever be deferred".

And yet, to the general surprise of most commentators. Barbara Jordan gave up her seat in Congress in 1979 and returned to the University of Texas to teach political ethics at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The voice, however, was not stilled. Even from a wheelchair, to which she was confined in her later years by multiple scierosis and leukaemia. Barbara Jordan continued to speak out.

She never married. "Polities," she once told an interviewer, "is almost totally consuming. A good marriage requires that one attend to it and not treat it as another hobby." She lived with her mother, who survives her.

### G. STANLEY RUSHBROOKE

FRS. Professor of Theoretical Physics, Newcastle University, 1951-80, died on December 14 aged 80. He was born on January 19. 1915.

THROUGHOUT this century physicists and chemists have struggled to understand how the physical properties of solids, liquids and gases arise from the forces between their molecules. Stanley Rush-brooke devoted a distinguished career to furthering this area of study and played an important role in the group of scientists who largely solved the question.

As a postgraduate student at St John's College, Cambridge, in the 1930s. George Stanley Rushbrooke came under the supervision of R. H. Fowler,

G. Sanley Rushbrooke, ... then the leading British authority on statistical mechanics. It was postulated at that time that liquids could be described as slightly disor-dered solids and Rushbrooke's first project was to explore this theory further. He continued throughout his life to make important contributions to the statistical mechanics of arrays of molecules and magnetic elements on the sites of a regular lattice array, which is an appropriate model of a solid, but he came to realise that this was not an appropriate one for a liquid.

Rushbrooke held posts in both physics and chemistry departments at Bristol. Dundee, Leeds and Oxford. But it was during his time as Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University that his most innovative work was done. In his study of 1951



to 1953 Rushbrooke, helped by one of his students H. E. Scoins, made a decisive break with prewar tradition by the reintroduction into statistical mechanics of the

tion function - a function that had been devised in 1914 by two Dutch physicists and then ignored for forty years. This function was to prove the key in creating a genuine continu-um theory of liquids, free from the artificial constraint of a solid-like lattice. In 1954 Rushbrooke was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and in 1979 to that of the Royal Society of London.

Rushbrooke used the device of the direct correlation function in 1960 to develop an ingenious theory of the structure of liquids known, because of the way the molecular interactions were linked, as the hyper-netted chain method. But others had by then also appreciated the power of this revived function and this theory was postulated simul-

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concept of the direct correla-taneously also in the United States. Japan and The Netherlands. The 1960s saw Rushbrooke at the peak of his powers, producing a steady flurry of papers on the theories of both liquids and lattice models.

> Above a certain critical temperature liquids and gases can no longer be distinguished from each other, although this transition to a unified fluid state was then imperfectly understood. But in 1963 Rushbrooke showed rigorously that one set of physical properties of a magnetic system at the equivalent (Curie) point had to be at least as large as another set. It was found later that they are, in fact, equal in size and that this result holds also for liquids and gases.
> This apparently obscure

> mathematical identity, and others that followed, paved the way for a number of papers in which the problem of the critical state was, in essence, finally solved. The Nobel Prize for this achievement went, nearly twenty years later, to Kenneth Wilson at Cornell University, but Rushbrooke's simple result of 1963 was a touchpaper.

> Rushbrooke was a regular attender at the biennial Gordon conference on liquids in New England where he would sit quietly smoking his pipe until he had an incisive contribution to make to the discussion.

In 1949 Rushbrooke married Thelma Barbara Cox, who died in 1977. They had no children, but he is survived by his twin brother, who is a mathematician.

### EMMANUEL LÉVINAS

Emmanuel Lévinas philosopher, died in Paris on December 25 aged 89. He was born on in Kaunas, Lithuania, on December 30, 1905.

PART of a circle of eminent existentialists, Emmanuel Lévinas ranked highly among contemporary European thin kers. Yet though held in esteem by such philosophical colleagues as Sartre, he was mostly unknown to the wider nublic. To a large extent it was Lévinas who introduced the German phenomenologists -Husserl and Heidegger - to France. His studies of their work - The Theory of Intuition in the Phenomenology of Husserl (1930) and Martin Heidegger and Ontology (1932) — are recognised classics. Current French thinkers such as Jaques Derrida and Alain Fink-

heavy debt to Lévinas's thought However, where Lévinas really made his mark was in his attempt to connect philosophy and religion within the ethical dimension. He became the leading philosophical ex-pounder of Judaism to the modern world and, as a

ielkraut have acknowledged a

profound humanist, took for his central subject the question of what it means to be a man in a century which has been dominated by conflict, massacre and the Holocaust. Among his most important publications were De l'existence à

l'existant (1947), Totalité et infini (1961) and Difficile Liberté (1963).

Emanuel Lévinas was born the son of a bookseller and, although he grew up speaking Russian as his first language, he began to learn Hebrew at the age of six. In 1923 he went to Strasbourg to study philosophy, but it was five years later attending Husserl's lectures in Freiburg that the philosophical encounter which was to shape his life took place. He returned to Strasbourg, where he completed a thesis on intentionality in Husserl. Lévinas became a French

citizen, a move which probably saved his life. While his family perished in the Holocaust, he, although captured by the Germans, was wearing French uniform and treated as a prisoner of war, thus escaping the gas chambers.

After the liberation of

France, Lévinas became the director of a Jewish school in Paris and a shaping influence on a fragile Jewish community, just beginning to rediscover its roots. His memories of the Nazi

Holocaust were profoundly to influence his philosophy. He studied the way in which the 'other" can become depersonalised. Existence, Levinas argued, should be understood in its ethical as well as its existential dimension. At the heart of his thought lay the basic concept of the encounter between human beings. More than the "I-

thou" encounter described by Buber in which a true meeting of minds is said to take place, Lévinas stressed the concept of the "face" of the other - a "face" which helped to define each individual in the "epiphany" of being addressed by the other in person. In Levinas's philosophic texts, this provides the distinction between existence and the existent. In religious terms, it became man's awareness of his ethical responsibilities to other people. His 1972 Humanisme de l'autre homme takes as its preface a quotation from King Lear. "I should e'en die with pity to see another thus." Lévinas's lectures on the

Talmud, some of which were published as Quatres lectures talmudiques (1968), adroitly fused traditional textual analysis and sophisticated philosophical thought. He saw the Talmud as a corrective to the sterile solipsism of most Western thought. However, he was not an uncritical lover of Judaism and was sharply aware of the plight of the Palestinians. If the State of Israel is to exist," he wrote, "it needs the recognition of the Arab world. The greatest ethical idea of existence for one's neighbour applies unreserv-edly to me ... and cannot be thought to include demanding the existence of a people of martyrs."

in 1930 Emmanuel Lévinas married Raissa Rachel, who died in 1994. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

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SANDRINGHAM, Jan. 18.
This marning the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the three Princesses, went from Sandringham House to the church, and, after remaining there for some time, returned on foot.

In the afternoon the people of the neighbour-hood and others, were allowed free entrance to

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the church, and many persons availed themselves of the privilege. The feeling in the neighbourhood is that Sandringham is essentially the country house of the Prince of Wales and his family, and while the nation mourns an irreparable loss, the people here feel, over and above that loss, the sympathy peculiar to the neighbours and dependents of a great county family which has lost its heir. Hence it is that a long series of vehicles have come from Castle Rising and Lynn on the one side and from Brancaster.
Hunstanton, Holm-by-the-Sea, and Sedgeford on
the other side, conveying for the most part visitors
of the humbler sort. There were many who came on foot also, some of them in their working clothes—gameleepers, labourers, and the like and here and there among the vehicles gathered on the green at the side of the road might be seen

### ON THIS DAY

January 19, 1892 **地震的** 

When he died, the Duke of Clarence. Prince Eddy, the older son of the future King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, was engaged to Princess May of Teck. She later married Prince Eddys States the Bakes Prince Eddys States Comparison of the Compariso younger brother, Prince George, the future King George V. It has to be said that the Duke of Clarence was not the most promising of princes.

A light gate within the porch was opened now and again in order to admit the people in successive groups of 12 for a few minutes, and the groups continued to follow one another all the aftermoon until darkness came on and the church was left to the watchers and the coffin. Those who entered saw the scene of the preceding day altered but little. The coffin lay in the same position as or Sunday, but with one corner of the silken flag raised, so that the plain unpolished cak of the coffin, with some of its brass fittings, was visible Within the oaken coffin is one of lead and a shell, and the coffin itself bears a brass plate enrounced with the Duke's cornnet and creat of arms. The inscription on the plate is, "His Royal Highness Albert Victor Christian Edward Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., K.P., Major 10th Royal Hussars. Born 8th January. 1864, at Frogmore, Windsor; died 14th January. 1892, at Sandringham, Norfolk. The chancel of the Sandringnam. Notroik." The chance to the church was protected by a cord, at which coth visitor halted reverently for a few moments. It was noticeable that the volume of wreaths and emblems had increased. Above the altar stood a huge cross from the ladies of Belfast, and the seat upon the north side of the chancel, occupied by the Duke and Duchess of Fife and the Duke of Teck on the preceding day, was heaped up with a mass of white wreaths and crosses.

Quiet people standing in groups, almost every woman among them showing at least a sign of mourning: a group of humble equipages; a wagon now and then passing towards Sandringham with a load of cases, evidently containing wreaths; a servant approaching the church laden with piles of similar cases of smaller dimensions . . .

(From the Court Circular.)

OSBORNE, Jan. 18 Her Majesty had intended, and even settled, to attend the last sad ceremony at St. George's on wednesday, and only yielded most unwillingly to the Prince and Princess of Wales's reiterated entreaties that she would not expose herself to the risk of catching cold on the journey to and from Windsor in this uncertain weather. Her Majesty, though deeply grieved, is well.

# THE TIMES TODAY

### NEWS

### Major promises EU White Paper

■ John Major pleased Tory Euro-sceptics by bowing to pressure for a White Paper laying out the Government's position on Europe in the run-up to crucial negotiations on the future of the European Union.

The move took MPs by surprise and came amid a ministerial drive to calm a renewed bout of leadership fever sparked by suggestions that previously loyal backbenchers have been plotting against the Prime Minister ..... .....Pages 1, 10, 19

### Meningitis children get new hope

■ Doctors in Glasgow believe they have devised a technique that could save the lives of hundreds of children facing death from meningitis. Four children who received the treatment in the past year have survived and doctors said three of them would have died if they had not had it.....

### **HGV** sight tests

Thousands of spectacle-wearing lorry and bus drivers face losing their jobs because of a Brussels ruling forcing them to pass sight tests without wearing their . Page I

### New rules for GPs

Britain's 30,000 family doctors will be expected to treat accident and emergency cases, chronic illness and mental health patients under a national contract, the Health Secretary said ...... Page 1

### Shackling climbdown Michael Howard announced a government climbdown over the shackling of pregnant women prisoners after protests from hospital staff and the Royal College of Midwives .... ....Page 2

That's my girl

The roads protester who stripped naked in Coventry Cathedral is the daughter of a consultant metallurgist who specialises in turning sheet metal into cars .. Page 3

### Duchess flies out

The Duchess of York flew to America with her daughters on a combined business and pleasure trip. She abandoned a plan to fly by Concorde .... .... Page 5

### Acne drug warning

Doctors issued a warning about Minocycline, the most popular anti-acne drug in Briatain, which can cause arthritis and damage

### CS sprays for police

CS sprays will be issued to 2,500 police in 16 forces next month after chief constables approved a six-month trial. The sprays cost E3 and have a range of about three metres .. ...Page 8

### Mitterrand book ban

A French court banned the publication of a book by former President Mitterrand's doctor, which alleges that he imposed an II-year "reign of lies" to hide his cancer from the public ......Page 11

### US election agenda Washington's budget stalemate

has emerged as the central issue in November's presidential elections. The White House doubts privately that a deal can be brokered this year ...... Page 12 Chechen siege over

President Yeltsin declared the

assault on the southern Russian

### village of Pervomaiskoye over,

saying that almost no hostages had been hurt... ... Page 13 **Burundi fighting** Fifteen thousand Rwandan refugees in Burundi headed for Tanzania after heavy fighting

### between Hutu militia and Burundi's Tutsi army..... ... Page 14 Hostel fire kills nine

Nine people died in a fire in a foreigners' hostel in Lübeck, raising fears of a new wave of racist violence in Germany. Three 

### Football's goal is female fans

Female fans are being enticed to European championship games this summer with advertisements in women's magazines. The campaign uses three women supporters. Ailsa Park, 21, a distant relative of Sir Bobby and Jack Charlton, is pictured saying: "How can I lie back and think of England when Venables has not finalised the squad?" ......



Chester Zoo's female Asian elephant, born a month ago, went on show yesterday. The 140-kilo calf has not yet been named

### BUSINESS

Economy: Base rates were cut by a quarter of a percentage point to 6.25 per cent despite a slight rise in the annual inflation rate from 3.1 to 3.2 per cent...

Defence: The £10 billion programme to build 230 Eurofighters for the RAF will start this summer after Britain and Germany settled a year-long wrangle......Page 23 Chemists: Boots the Chemist was

knocked off the top slot as Britain's largest chemists' chain by the £547 million takeover of Lloyds Chemists by Unichem ... ...Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed at a record 3748.7, up 44.5 points. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell to 83.0 after a drop from \$1.5295 to \$1.5230 and from DM2.2390 to DM2.2376....Page 26

### SPORT

Cricket: In view of his discomfort with the limited-overs game it may be best for Michael Atherton to stand down as captain of England for the World Cup...

Tennis: Mary Pierce, holder of the Australian Open women's singles title, was knocked out in the second round by Elena Likhovtseva, a 20year-old Russian.... ... Page 44 Football: David Platt, the England

captain, had an exploratory operation on his left knee, the second in five months since he joined Arsenal .. Page 44 last summer ... Rugby union: The players of Eng-

land and France stand to earn the largest sums in the first professional five nations' championship, although England is the only union . not paying a win bonus .... Page 40

### Change of style: No more gold lamé fishnet stockings, no nasty goings-on with a Black and Decker. For his tender new film, Flower of My Secret, Pedro Almodóvar has

.... Page 31 Theatrical high: Martin Shaw gives the performance of his life in Peter Hall's superb West End staging of Oscar Wilde's An : Ideal

. Page 31 Pop on Friday: The cult of the middle-of-the-road is still growing. Burt Bacharach, the godfather of easy listening, is being marketed for a new generation \_\_\_\_Page 32

New albums: Tori Amos conceived her third album during the breakup of a longstanding relationship. But why do we have to suffer along

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to Esther Rantzen about the demise of That's Life and her renaissance with the BBC's new hit talkshow.

Elizabeth's story: The royal marriage in its blissful early days before the King's death \_\_\_\_ Page 17

Adding up: Several studies have shown that other European, and Asian, children are ahead of their British counterparts in mathematics by some margin. John O'Leary reports. ... Page 35

The American public was aghast when the price tag for curing the nearsightedness of the often-maligned Hubble space telescope was floated in the early 1990s. Now it has become a source of family entertainment for just about anyone with a computer and a modern. Hubble lets you turn to your child and say: This is where stars are born." It is providing a window on the unknown, at a cost that must now seem quite reasonable from any angle - Los Angeles Times

### Preview: Computer-designed dental fillings are part of Tomorrow's World (BBC1, 7.30pm). Review: Lynne Truss on a new boy band

# and its bid for stardom .... Page 43

The pace guickens

A more expansionary economic policy may not be enough to save Mr Major: but some acceleration in the economy alongside the political cycle will do no harm to the Tories or to Britain .\_\_\_ Page 19

### Lamont's odyssey

The Tories of Harrogate, the Yorkshire spa town famous for tearooms, good sense and toffee, should prepare the fatted calf this evening and take the opportunity to select the Tories' prodigal son as their new candidate \_\_\_\_\_Page 19

### Mr Robinson

A twinkle-fingered man-typist from Leeds has just lost his case for sex discrimination against a recruitment agency for secretaries. He should not lose heart ...... Page 19

### BERNARD LEVIN

What his erstwhile comrades will never forgive was that John Lloyd gave evidence in court against his comrades, who went to prison. Now he is close to becoming an MP, on the Labour side. (If you open the window, you can hear Tony Blair groaning) Page 18 **NIGEL HAWKES** 

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The implications of discovering intelligence elsewhere would be disconcerting. This is why an astronomer once remarked: "If the cosmic telephone rings, for God's sake let's not answer"...

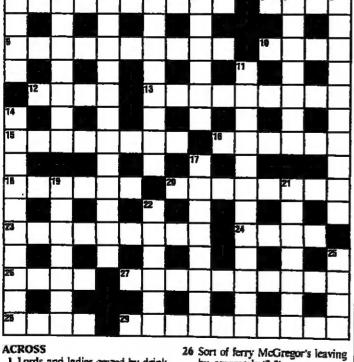
### PETER RIDDELL The latest rumours about

backbench plotting against Mr Major matter not because he is likely to be ousted but because of what they reveal about the state of the Tory party...

Admiral Sir Rac McKaig, UK Military Representative to Nato, 1973-75: Barbara Jordan, former US Democratic Congresswoman; Professor Stanley Rushbrooke, physicist...

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- I Lords and ladies crazed by drink
- 6 Long way away, in the middle of hunting trip (4).
- 9 Problem with locks for carp (5,5). 10 Responsibility of running large country (4).
- 12 A lot of water to satisfy thirst, say? Not at first (4).
- 13 Recoil, and express dissatisfaction with cake verbally (9).
- 15 Suspension of a governor by an ecclesiastical organisation (8). 16 Order fish, and get with tail
- removed (6). 18 Flier consuming chop and banger
- 20 Scots head may have this soothing
- influence before exam (8). 23 Person setting course around
- midnight is new pilot (9). 24 Band of men who fight hard (4).
- BERLOUP

The solution to yesterday's qualifier puzzle

will appear

on January 29

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- 27 When cooked the ant bird is tough 28 China tea (4).
- 29 Whatever happens, innate envy will come out (2,3,5).

by, separately (2-2).

- 1 Rhino getting caught on tree (4). 2 Composite picture showing island
- over a period (7). 3 Running wild, start to hack into rotten pomegranate (2.3.7).
- Quiet, relaxed sound reproduction
- 5 Slender point on missile (6). 7 Fellow not just found in amuse ments (7)
- 8 Needy girls worked without protest (10). 11 London borough's accepting mini-mal cash payment for services for
- state (3,9). 14 Pompous officer shows face, a month on beat (10).
- !7 Cheer up! The worst is over, Xanthippe (8).
- 19 The party's over Henry ejected the little bounder (7).
- 21 Favour mechanical repetition incorporating routine (7).
- 22 Make great effort in race (6). 25 Christopher receives new contract
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